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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 10, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the tenth day of January, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., by order of His Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of organization for the present municipal year; Hon. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, Mayor, President of the Board, in the chair. Organization.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Close, Cudworth, Fogg, Huse, Ingalls, Lewis, H. G. Morse, Pelletier, Pope, Shackford, Stevens, Streeter, Trull, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

By request of the President, the Reverend Mr. Means offered an address to the Throne of Grace. Prayer.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Brown, Waldock and Curtis, a committee to collect the certificates of election of newly elected members, who proceeded, and afterwards reported the names of the gentlemen whose certificates they had received, elected for three years, and to fill vacancies for two years and for one year. The report was accepted. Certificates of election.

On motion of Dr. Ordway, the Board proceeded to choose a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Monroe, Ricker and Rust a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was seventy-one; necessary for a choice, thirty-six; that Barnard Capen had sixty-three; George A. Smith had six, and there were two scattering. Accordingly Mr. Barnard Capen was declared chosen. Secretary elected.

On motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop, —

Ordered, That the salary of the Secretary of this Board be for the ensuing year the same as for the past year, viz: eighteen hundred dollars. Salary of Secretary.

Mr. Learnard offered the following:

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations of 1869 be adopted as the rules and regulations for the present year, *provided*, that until otherwise ordered the schools of the sixteenth ward retain their present organization and text-books, and that the teachers employed therein receive a compensation for their services similar to what they now receive.

Rules and Regulations amended.

Mr. Jellison moved the following amendment to the order, to wit: to insert, after the words "the present year," the following: except that Sect. 3, Chap. V. of the Rules, be made to read, in the seventh line, *fifty*, instead of forty, as at present.

The amendment passed.

The order as amended was then adopted.

Rules and Regulations: amendment proposed.

Mr. Jellison moved to amend Chap. I. Sect. 2, of the Rules, by striking out the words "on School-houses," in the seventh line, and inserting in the tenth line, after the word "on," the words "School-houses and Grammar School sections."

The proposition was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Standing Committees appointed.

The President then appointed the Standing Committees of the Board for the year, which the Board confirmed.

School for deaf mutes: committee on.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Washburn, That a committee of seven be appointed to take charge of the School for Deaf Mutes. The Chair appointed as that committee, Messrs. Parkman, Washburn, Allen, Packard, Haskins, Slade and Pope.

School for licensed minors: committee on.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop, That a committee of five be appointed to take charge of the schools for licensed minors; and the Chair appointed Messrs. L. Lothrop, Haskins, Lewis, Allen and Sanders, to be that committee.

Industrial school: committee on.

Voted, That the Chair appoint a committee on the subject of Industrial Schools, and the following were appointed as

that committee, viz:—Messrs. Shackford, S. K. Lothrop, W. B. Merrill, Brown, Connor, Lamson and Means.

The Chair read a communication from Hugh J. Toland, asking for a recount of the votes for members of the School Committee from Ward 7; and remonstrating against allowing Mr. Thomas Riley to retain his seat as a member of this Board. The paper was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Recount of votes for members from Ward 7 asked for.

The Chair read a communication, signed by Albert H. Hopkins, Charles Richardson, and nine others, — legal voters in Ward 15, — asking for a recount of the votes for members of the School Committee from that Ward; believing that an error had been made in the returns of the votes.

Recount of votes for members from Ward 15 asked for.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Chair presented a communication from George B. Emerson, on the subject of Motives to influence pupils in school, with a request that it be given such direction as should bring it to the consideration of the members of the Board.

Communication from George B. Emerson: "Motives."

Referred, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President to inquire into the present condition and organization of the schools of the Sixteenth Ward, formerly the town of Dorchester, and report to this Board the best plan of bringing them gradually into harmony with the public school system of this city. It was further voted that the President be allowed time to appoint the committee, and that he communicate the same to the Secretary. The President subsequently appointed the following as that Committee: viz., Messrs. Brown, Pope, Wm. T. Adams, Hutchins, Ricker, Kneeland and Green.

Schools in Dorchester: committee of inquiry.

Mr. Stedman offered the following:

Ordered, That a committee of one member from each ward be appointed by the President to represent this Board

Committee on change in City Charter.

before the Legislature, during its present session, in regard to any change of the City Charter concerning the duties and powers of the Board, and also to take into consideration the reduction of the number constituting the same; and from time to time to report their action to the Board.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following as a substitute for the above:

Board of School Commissioners; and local boards.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report on the expediency of seeking, through the legitimate channels of the City Government and the Legislature, such an alteration of the organization of the School Committee of the City of Boston as shall provide for a Board of School Commissioners, consisting of one for each ward of the city, who shall have the general charge and superintendence of the public schools and the whole system of public instruction; and for local boards for the different districts of East Boston, the city proper, South Boston, the Highland District and Dorchester; said local boards to consist of two for or from each ward, and to have special charge of the schools and choice of teachers, etc., in their respective districts, under such general rules, regulations and principles as the Board of Commissioners aforesaid may from time to time adopt.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. Learnard.

Minutes of the Board to be printed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Monroe, That the minutes of the Board for the present year be caused to be printed by the Secretary, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, as in the year just passed.

Manual of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Green, amended by Mr. Monroe, *Ordered*, That the Secretary of this Board prepare, within four weeks, the customary Manual for the use of the members, and cause the same to be printed under the direction of Committee on Printing.

Dr. Lamson offered the following:

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit all notices and circulars to the members of this Board by mail. Notices and circulars by mail.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Bent offered the following:

Ordered, That the salaries of the principal teachers of the High Evening School be six dollars, and of assistants five dollars, per night. High Evening Schools: Salaries of teachers.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Upham offered the two following orders:

Ordered, That one hundred and forty-two pitch-pipes be furnished to the teachers of the lower classes in the Grammar Schools, at a cost of $1.20 each. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers. Pitch-pipes for use of teachers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to make such changes in the music charts in the schools as will give one chart of the proper series to each teacher. Music Charts.

Passed.

Mr. W. B. Merrill was excused, at his own request, from serving upon the Committee on Industrial Schools. Committee on Industrial schools: Mr. Merrill excused.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs, it was *Voted,* That the certificates of election be referred to the Committee on Elections. Certificates of election.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burroughs, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report upon the expediency of providing that the examinations for admission to the High Schools be held in the several Grammar Schools. Examination for admission to High schools.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burroughs, That the subject of establishing a normal school, with schools of practice attached, be referred to the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School. Normal School, with schools of practice.

Adjourned, on motion of Dr. Lothrop.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 8, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of February, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The hour having passed for which the meeting was called, and the President being absent, the Secretary called the meeting to order and, upon motion, called the roll, whereby it appeared that the following named gentlemen were absent, viz: —

Messrs. Allen, Batchelder, Badger, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Brigham, Bundy, Burroughs, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Deblois, Edson, Emery, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Holbrook, Huse, Ingalls, Kneeland, Loring Lothrop, S. K. Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, McKendry, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Noble, Pope, Porter, Reynolds, Thos. Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Sayward, Stearns, Streeter, Trull, Tucker, Upham, Washburn, Withington, Woodbury, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Dr. Reynolds afterwards came in, and was present at the meeting. The President also appeared, and took his seat; and the Board proceeded to business. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed, having served the usual term of probation:— Teachers confirmed.

Roxbury High School. — Eliza D. Gardner, an assistant.

Bigelow School District. — Leander Waterman, usher; Amelia B. Coe, head assistant; Mary E. Johnston, and Lydia M. Bicknell, Primary teachers.

Comins School. — Emma E. Towle, an assistant.

Lawrence School District. — Eliza R. Davis, a Primary teacher.

Norcross School District. — Amanda Marble, and Harriet E. Johnston, assistants; and Charlotte F. Jefferds, a Primary teacher.

Rice School. — Edward Southworth, sub-master, commencing September 1, 1869.

Wells School. — Maria L. Dowdell, an assistant.

Teachers on probation nominated.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

Bigelow School. — Mary C. Babcock, an assistant, commencing December 21, 1869; and Eliza B. Haskell, an assistant, commencing January 1st.

Winthrop School District. — Emma V. Flagg, an assistant, commencing January 1st; and Caroline S. Crozier, a Primary teacher, commencing December 1st.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — In North Bennet street, Miss Hedrick, in place of Geo. W. M. Hall, resigned, commencing January 28th; in Harrison avenue, Isadora W. Sparrow, in place of M. J. Allison, resigned.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, on George B. Emerson's communication.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on the communication of Geo. B. Emerson, referred to them at the last meeting. The Committee say: The communication relates to the motives which should be inculcated in children while attaining their education. Its arguments, while almost wholly condemning all emulation, seem inapplicable; because, in our Grammar Schools, the medal system for the few has been abandoned, and diplomas for the many or all substituted. The Committee believe that our masters are impressed with the importance of inculcating the highest motives in the pupils under their charge, and that they are not remiss in this respect. Believing the communication to have been written somewhat under a misapprehension of our regulations, and that legislation has already been had in the direction to which it refers, the Committee deem that no action is needed.

The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, as to Committee on School-houses and School sections.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the proposed amendment, referred to them at the last meeting, in relation to a standing committee on school-houses and Grammar school sections.

In regard to the proposition to increase the number of the Committee on School-houses from seven to sixteen, — each of the wards to be represented, — the committee say that it is a well-established principle in the construction of committees to investigate special subjects that the smaller the committee, the more speedy, comprehensive and satisfactory will be the results of its investigations. One result of the step proposed would be that such deference would be paid to local requests, that the opinions of the committee would degenerate into simply the views of one man representing the particular ward, and locally interested in the matter.

The Committee suggest, also, the possibility, under a large committee, of a combination of local interests, resulting in a recommendation to the Board and to the City Council of measures desirable in themselves, but proposed only in consideration of the approval of other propositions which, alone, would utterly fail of success. The Committee are clear in the opinion that seven disinterested gentlemen will be able carefully and judiciously to decide all questions referred to them.

In regard to the proposition to enlarge the powers and duties of the Committee on School-houses, so as to make them also a Committee on Grammar School Sections, the committee report favorably. It is desirable that changes in school sections should be made only upon a careful investigation by a disinterested committee. These changes affect important interests. They have sometimes been made, followed at the next meeting by a repeal or alteration. Progress in school labors is impossible under such circumstances. It is better to refer the propositions to a standing committee who shall be free from local influences; and a reference to the

Committee on School-houses seems to be the most appropriate one. That committee has full knowledge of our school buildings, their location, and their statistics as to seats and accommodations. In determining changes in the boundaries of school sections, or establishing new sections, they can furnish a greater amount of information than any district committee can. The committee accordingly recommend for adoption an order which they submit. The committee think that provision should be made at once for the transportation of the members of the Committee on School-houses to the different sections of the city which their duties require them to visit, and recommend that the Committee on Accounts include in their annual estimate of appropriations a sum sufficient to meet the expense.

Ordered, That Chapter 1, Section 2, be amended by inserting after "School-houses," in the seventh line, the words, "and Grammar School Sections"; also, that Chapter 4, Section 4, be amended by adding the following: All applications for changes of the boundaries of the Grammar School Sections shall be referred to this committee, who shall consider and report upon them in writing before they are decided by the Board.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Underwood the order was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Elections on Certificates of Election: on recount of votes for members from Ward 7.

Mr. Brown read the report of the Committee on Elections on the certificates of election referred to them at the last meeting. The report was accepted.

Mr. Brown also submitted the report of the Committee on Elections, on the communication from Hugh J. Toland, asking for a recount of the votes for the members of the School Committee from Ward 7, etc.; that they find, upon carefully counting the ballots given for members of the School Committee in Ward 7, at the late municipal election, that Hugh J. Toland is entitled to a seat in this Board; and that the certificate was erroneously given to Thomas

Riley; and also upon the communication signed by Albert H. Hopkins and others, asking for a recount of the votes for members of the School Committee in Ward 15; that upon a careful count of the ballots, they find that George F. Emery is entitled to a seat in this Board; he having received five hundred and twenty-two votes, and Albert H. Hopkins, four hundred and ninety votes.

On recount of votes for members from Ward 15.

The reports were accepted.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Elections, the Chair appointed Mr. Toland, in place of Thomas Riley, on the Committees on the Bigelow, Boylston, Brimmer and Lawrence School Districts.

Hugh J. Toland appointed on committees.

The Chair read the resignation of Richard H. Stearns, of Ward 11, as a member of this Board, and the resignation was accepted. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11,—

Resignation of R. H. Stearns.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention, on the evening of the second Tuesday of March next, for the purpose of filling said vacancy, and that public notice of the same be given pursuant to law.

Convention proposed.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, submitted the report of the Committee on Accounts, on the order offered at the last meeting, regarding the transmission of notices and circulars to members of the Board by mail. The Committee think the expense to be incurred unnecessary; that the present method of delivery — by the police — is preferable to any other; and of the thousands of notices and circulars delivered every year, few instances have been brought to the notice of the Committee where any have been lost or miscarried. The Committee think, however, that, in the season of the year when many houses are closed, the delivery of notices is sometimes difficult; and, considering the importance of a timely delivery of these notices, they recommend the passage of the proposed order in an amended form, as follows: —

Report of Committee on Accounts: Notices and Circulars by mail.

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit all notices and circulars to the members of this Board, who desire it, by mail.

The report was accepted and the order adopted.

On appropriation for Phil. apparatus of Eng. High School.

Mr. Merrill read the report of the Committee on Accounts upon the order offered January 4th, to provide for an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the repair of the philosophical apparatus of the English High School; — that, inasmuch as the rules of the Board direct that the Superintendent of Schools shall see that all necessary repairs are made in the philosophical apparatus of the schools, it is inexpedient to pass the order. The report was accepted.

As to Heliotellus and Lunatellus.

Mr. Merrill also read the report of the Committee on Accounts, on the order referred to them January 4th, to provide for the supply of the instruments known as the Heliotellus and Lunatellus to certain schools, with Prof. Davis's text-book on astronomy. The Committee recommend the passage of the order, amended by substituting the word *provided* for the words "it being understood," as follows: —

Ordered, That Prof. Davis's Heliotellus be furnished to each of the High schools, and his Lunatellus to each of the Grammar schools: *provided*, that ten copies of his book shall accompany the first, and six copies the last named instrument: and *provided*, that Prof. Davis shall make arrangements with Mr. Brown, or some other competent person, to give at its introduction free lectures to the teachers of each school, when it is desired, explaining the instrument and its uses. The report was accepted and the order passed. The Board rejected a motion subsequently made by Mr. Hobbs to reconsider the vote whereby said order was adopted. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Jellison, it was voted to postpone the introduction of the instruments until further ordered by the Board.

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

Ordered, That the subjects referred, in the year 1868, to a committee on a New Institution of Learning, and in the year 1869, to the Committee on the High School Education of Boys, be referred to a special committee of seven.

High School Education of Boys. Committee to be appointed.

The order passed, and the Chair was allowed time to make the appointment

Dr. Lamson submitted the following orders: —

Ordered, That one copy of Haydn's "Dictionary of Dates" be introduced as a book of reference in each of the High and Grammar schools of this city.

Books of Reference: Haydn's Dictionary of Dates;

Ordered, That Hawes's "Synchronology of the principal events in Sacred and Profane History" be added to the list of reference books for the public schools.

Hawes's Synchronology.

Ordered, That Anderson's Grammar School History be used as a text-book in the third classes of the Grammar schools.

Anderson's Grammar School History.

The orders were referred to the Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Dr. Lamson, amended by Mr. Connor,—

Ordered, That the President of the Board be requested, and is hereby authorized, to report at the next meeting of the Board, a committee, consisting of one member from each ward, who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the annual school festival.

Annual School Festival: Committee to be appointed.

Mr. Brown submitted the following orders, and moved a suspension of the rules for their passage at this time: —

Writing, Sewing and German in Dorchester Schools.

1. *Ordered,* That the writing-books of Payson, Dunton and Scribner, or of A. R. Dunton, be used in the schools of the Dorchester District on and after March 1st.

2. *Ordered,* That, from and after the first day of April next, the office of writing-master in the schools of the Dorchester District be and the same is hereby abolished.

3. *Ordered,* That the Committee on the Dorchester School District be authorized to appoint a teacher of sewing for the schools of said district, whose term of ser-

vice shall commence on the 1st of April next, who shall be nominated to this Board for confirmation at the quarterly meeting in June next.

The rules were suspended. Orders 1 and 2 were adopted. Order No. 3 was amended, on motion of Mr. Learnard, by adding to it the following: "who shall give to each room under her care instruction similar in amount to that required by our rules to be given by a teacher of sewing to a division of the fourth class in a Grammar school, and who shall receive therefor a like compensation."

The order, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Brown also offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Dorchester High School be authorized to appoint a teacher of German for said school, whose salary shall not exceed the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, and who shall be nominated to this Board for confirmation at the quarterly meeting in June next.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

English High School: Land for new building.

Mr. Jellison offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to procure a suitable lot upon which to erect a building for the accommodation of the English High School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Girls' High and Normal School house: Additional land.

Mr. Hunt offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to procure for the better accommodation of the Girls' High and Normal School, what additional land it is possible to obtain, in connection with the location of the new school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Dorchester Schools: Petition as to change in names.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, presented petitions, to wit: —

1. From A. M. Robinson, W. F. Temple, and about sixty others, — inhabitants of that part of Ward 16 known as Neponset and Port Norfolk, — representing that the late School Committee of the town of Dorchester, amongst their last

acts, in a hasty manner, and without consulting the wishes of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, changed the name of their school from Washington to Stoughton; and asking the Board to confer upon said school the name of Minot. 2. From J. P. Spooner, J. C. Talbot and eighty-two others, residents and voters in that part of the town of Dorchester formerly known as the Winthrop School District, stating that at the last meeting of the School Committee of the town of Dorchester, the name of said school and district was changed from that of Winthrop to that of Codman; and, believing the change to be not satisfactory to a very large majority of the inhabitants and voters in the district, requesting that the Board substitute for the present one a more euphonious, appropriate and satisfactory name. The said petitions were referred to the Committee appointed January 10th, on the present condition and organization of the schools of Ward 16, formerly the town of Dorchester.

Mayhew School District: Rooms for Primary Schools.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Stevens, That the City Government be requested to provide suitable rooms for the three Primary schools now occupying the rooms over the Police Station on Hanover street, and belonging to the Mayhew School District.

Committee on Industrial Schools Mr. Means excused from; Mr. Parkman and Dr. Curtis appointed on.

Mr. Means was excused, at his own request, from serving on the Committee on Industrial Schools. The Chair filled the vacancies caused by this resignation, and the resignation of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, at the last meeting, on the same committee, by the appointment thereto of Mr. Parkman in place of Mr. Merrill, and Dr. Curtis in place of Mr. Means.

Address on Life and Character of Thomas Sherwin: Invitation of the English High School Association

The Chair read a communication, signed by the President and Secretary of the English High School Association, informing the Board that the Rev. R. C. Waterston would deliver an "Address upon the Life and Character of the late Thomas Sherwin," at the Hall of the Horticultural Society, on Wednesday evening, February 16th, at half-past seven

o'clock; and extending a cordial invitation to the members to be present on the occasion. The Board, on motion of Dr. Green, voted to accept the invitation. It was also *Voted*, on motion of Dr. Waldock, That the Secretary notify the members of the invitation.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 8, 1870.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present, The whole Board, except Messrs. Alger, Bachelder, Blenkinsop, Close, Cudworth, Curtis, Garceau, Huse, Jarvis, McKendry, Monroe, Morrill, Riley, Stedman, Trull, Tucker, Withington, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a Convention, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard H. Stearns, of Ward 11. Concurrence of Mayor and Aldermen.

Agreeably to assignment, the Board of Aldermen entered, and the Convention was held. Convention.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee appointed to nominate a candidate for the vacancy, reported the name of William G. Harris. The report was accepted. Wm. G. Harris chosen.

The Chair appointed Alderman Cowdin, and Messrs. Haskins and Shackford, a committee to collect the ballots; who proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 50; necessary for a choice, 26; that William G. Harris had 48, and Ezra B. Parker 2. Mr. Harris was accordingly declared elected. The business for which the Convention was held having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired.

Dr. Lothrop arose to a question of order, on the ground that it appeared from the printed minutes of the last meeting, Feb. 8th, that there was not a quorum present at that Legality of proceedings of last meeting.

meeting; and that, consequently, the proceedings of said meeting were not legal. Thereupon Mr. Bent offered the following: —

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Board at the meeting of February 8th be hereby ratified and confirmed.

Dr. Lothrop moved as an amendment that the proceedings of the meeting of February 8th be entered upon the records of the Board as having taken place at this meeting.

After a lengthy discussion the amendment passed. The order offered by Mr. Bent, as amended, was then adopted.

In accordance with the above order, the following are the proceedings of the meeting held Feb. 8th, as adopted and passed at this meeting: —

Teachers confirmed.

The following teachers were confirmed, having served the usual term of probation: —

Roxbury High School. — Eliza D. Gardner, an assistant.

Bigelow School District. — Leander Waterman, usher; Amelia B. Coe, head assistant; Mary E. Johnston, and Lydia M. Bicknell, Primary teachers.

Comins School. — Emma E. Towle, an assistant.

Lawrence School District. — Eliza R. Davis, a Primary teacher.

Norcross School District. — Amanda Marble, and Harriet E. Johnston, assistants; and Charlotte F. Jeffords, a Primary teacher.

Rice School. — Edward Southworth, sub-master, commencing September 1, 1869.

Wells School. — Maria L. Dowdell, an assistant.

Teachers on probation nominated.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

Bigelow School. — Mary C. Babcock, an assistant, com-

mencing December 21, 1869; Eliza B. Haskell, an assistant, commencing January 1st.

Winthrop School District. — Emma V. Flagg, an assistant, commencing January 1st; and Caroline S. Crozier, a Primary teacher, commencing December 1st.

Evening Schools. — In North Bennet street, Miss Hedrick, in place of Geo. W. M. Hall, resigned, commencing January 28th; in Harrison avenue, Isadora W. Sparrow, in place of M. J. Allison, resigned.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, on George B. Emerson's communication.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on the communication of Geo. B. Emerson, referred to them January 10th. The Committee say: The communication relates to the *motives* which should be inculcated in children while attaining their education. Its arguments, while almost wholly condemning all emulation, seem inapplicable; because, in our Grammar Schools, the medal system for the few has been abandoned, and diplomas for the many or all substituted. The Committee believe that our masters are impressed with the importance of inculcating the highest motives in the pupils under their charge, and that they are not remiss in this respect. Believing the communication to have been written somewhat under a misapprehension of our regulations, and that legislation has already been had in the direction to which it refers, the Committee deem that no action is needed.

The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, as to a committee on School-houses and School sections.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the proposed amendment — referred to them January 10th — in relation to a standing committee on School-houses and Grammar school sections.

In regard to the proposition to increase the number of the Committee on School-houses from seven to sixteen, — each of the wards to be represented, — the Committee say that it is a well-established principle in the construction of committees to investigate special subjects that the smaller

the committee, the more speedy, comprehensive and satisfactory will be the results of its investigations. One result of the step proposed would be that such deference would be paid to local requests, that the opinions of the committee would degenerate into simply the views of one man representing the particular ward, and locally interested in the matter.

The Committee suggest, also, the possibility, under a large committee, of a combination of local interests, resulting in a recommendation to the Board and to the City Council of measures desirable in themselves, but proposed only in consideration of the approval of other propositions which, alone, would utterly fail of success. The Committee are clear in the opinion that seven disinterested gentlemen will be able carefully and judiciously to decide all questions referred to them.

In regard to the proposition to enlarge the powers and duties of the Committee on School-houses, so as to make them also a committee on Grammar School sections, the committee report favorably. It is desirable that changes in school sections should be made only upon a careful investigation by a disinterested committee. These changes affect important interests. They have sometimes been made, followed at the next meeting by a repeal or alteration. Progress in school labors is impossible under such circumstances. It is better to refer the propositions to a standing committee, who shall be free from local influences; and a reference to the Committee on School-houses seems to be the most appropriate one. That committee has full knowledge of our school buildings, their location, and their statistics as to seats and accommodations. In determining changes in the boundaries of school sections, or establishing new sections, they can furnish a greater amount of information than any district committee can. The Committee accordingly recommend for adoption an order which they submit. The Committee

think that provision should be made at once for the transportation of the members of the Committee on School-houses to the different sections of the city which their duties require them to visit, and recommend that the Committee on Accounts include in their annual estimate of appropriations a sum sufficient to meet the expense.

Ordered, That Chapter 1, Section 2, be amended by inserting after "School-houses," in the seventh line, the words, "and Grammar School Sections"; also, that Chapter 4, Section 4, be amended by adding the following: All applications for changes of the boundaries of the Grammar School Sections shall be referred to this Committee, who shall consider and report upon them in writing before they are decided by the Board.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Underwood the order was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Elections on Certificates of Election: on recount of votes for members from Ward 7.

Mr. Brown read the report of the Committee on Elections on the certificates of election referred to them January 10th. The report was accepted.

Mr. Brown also submitted the report of the Committee on Elections, on the communication from Hugh J. Toland, asking for a recount of the votes for the members of the School Committee from Ward 7, etc.; that they find, upon carefully counting the ballots given for members of the School Committee in Ward 7, at the late municipal election, that Hugh J. Toland is entitled to a seat in this Board; and that the certificate was erroneously given to Thomas Riley; and also upon the communication signed by Albert H. Hopkins and others, asking for a recount of the votes for members of the School Committee in Ward 15; that, upon a careful count of the ballots, they find that George F. Emery is entitled to a seat in this Board; he having received five hundred and twenty-two votes, and Albert H. Hopkins, four hundred and ninety votes.

On recount of votes for members from Ward 15.

The reports were accepted.

Hugh J. Toland appointed on committees.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Elections, the Chair appointed Mr. Toland, in place of Thomas Riley, on the Committees on the Bigelow, Boylston, Brimmer and Lawrence School Districts.

Resignation of R. H. Stearns.

The Chair read the resignation of Richard H. Stearns, of Ward 11, as a member of this Board, and the resignation was accepted. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11,—

Convention proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention, on the evening of the second Tuesday of March next, for the purpose of filling said vacancy, and that public notice of the same be given pursuant to law.

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The order passed, and the Chair was allowed time to make the appointment.

Dr. Lamson submitted the following orders: —

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Ordered, That one copy of Haydn's "Dictionary of Dates" be introduced as a book of reference in each of the High and Grammar Schools of this city.

Ordered, That Hawes's "Synchronology of the principal events in Sacred and Profane History" be added to the list of reference books for the public schools.

Anderson's Grammar School History.

Ordered, That Anderson's Grammar School History be used as a text-book in the third classes of the Grammar schools.

The orders were referred to the Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Dr. Lamson, amended by Mr. Connor, —

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Ordered, That the President of the Board be requested, and is hereby authorized, to report at the next meeting of the Board, a committee, consisting of one member from each ward, who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the annual school festival.

Writing, and Sewing in Dorchester Schools.

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3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Dorchester School District be authorized to appoint a teacher of Sewing for the schools of said district, whose term of service shall commence on the 1st of April next, who shall be nominated to this Board for confirmation at the quarterly meeting in June next.

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Dorchester High School: teacher of German.

Mr. Jellison offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to procure a suitable lot upon which to erect a building for the accommodation of the English High School.

English High School: land for new building.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hunt offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to procure for the better accommodation of the Girls' High and Normal School, what additional land it is possible to obtain in connection with the location of the new school-house.

Girls' High and Normal School-house: additional land.

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Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, presented petitions, to wit: —

1. From A. M. Robinson, W. F. Temple, and about sixty others, — inhabitants of that part of Ward 16 known as Neponset and Port Norfolk, — representing that the late School Committee of the town of Dorchester, amongst their last acts, in a hasty manner, and without consulting the wishes of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, changed the name of their school from Washington to Stoughton; and asking the Board to confer upon said school the name of Minot.

Dorchester Schools: Petition as to change in names.

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Mayhew School District: Rooms for Primary schools.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Stevens, That the City Government be requested to provide suitable rooms for the three Primary schools now occupying the rooms over the Police Station on Hanover street, and belonging to the Mayhew School District.

Committee on Industrial Schools: Mr. Means excused from; Mr. Parkman and Dr. Curtis appointed on.

Mr. Means was excused, at his own request, from serving on the Committee on Industrial Schools. The Chair filled the vacancies caused by this resignation, and the resignation of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, at the meeting of January 10th, on the same committee, by the appointment thereto of Mr. Parkman, in place of Mr. Merrill, and Dr. Curtis, in place of Mr. Means.

Address on Life and Character of Thomas Sherwin; Invitation of the English High School Association.

The Chair read a communication, signed by the President and Secretary of the English High School Association, informing the Board that the Rev. R. C. Waterston would deliver an "Address upon the Life and Character of the late Thomas Sherwin," at the Hall of the Horticultural Society, on Wednesday evening, February 16th, at half-past seven o'clock; and extending a cordial invitation to the members to be present on the occasion. The Board, on motion of Dr. Green, voted to accept the invitation. It was also *Voted*, on motion of Dr. Waldock, That the Secretary notify the members of the invitation.

High-School

Agreeably to orders introduced at the last meeting, and passed at this meeting, the Chair appointed the following

committees, to wit: 1. The Committee on the High School Education of Boys in Boston, viz: Messrs. Washburn, Underwood, S. K. Lothrop, Shackford, Mason, Reynolds, and Monroe. 2. The Committee of Arrangements for the School Festival, in July, viz: Messrs. Washburn, Ricker, Stevens, Lamson, Maguire, Alger, Connor, Shattuck, Hutchins, Baldwin, Learnard, Fogg, James, Morse, Merrill, Hobbs, and Pope; — with power to choose its chairman.

Education of Boys: Committee on.

School Festival: Committee of Arrangements.

The Chair presented communications from Miss Elizabeth P. Peabody, on the subject of Kindergartens. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkman, it was *Voted*, That a committee of seven be appointed to consider the communications; and the Chair subsequently appointed the following committee, viz: Messrs. Parkman, Rust, Curtis, Reynolds, Fogg, Kneeland, and Shattuck.

Kindergarten: Miss Peabody's communications:

Committee on.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, it was *voted*, To amend the order offered at the last meeting, adopted at this meeting, directing that a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard H. Stearns, of Ward 11, so as to provide that said convention be held on the evening of the second Tuesday in April.

The following teachers were confirmed, having served the usual term of probation: —

Teachers confirmed.

Adams School District.—Mary M. Morse, master's head-assistant, commencing March 1st; and Anna E. Reed, a Primary teacher.

Boylston School. — Caroline R. Dawes, teacher of Sewing, commencing December 1, 1869.

Dearborn School District.—Mary Lincoln, a Primary teacher.

Dwight School. — Silas H. Haskell, usher.

Eliot School District. — Ann A. Coleman, a Primary teacher.

Hancock School District. — Lucy C. Flynn, a Primary teacher.

Prescott School. — Caroline B. Bigelow, an assistant.

Shurtleff School. — Sarah L. Gannett, an assistant.

Winthrop School District. — Caroline S. Crozier, a Primary teacher.

Teachers nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Adams School District. — Harriette Sturtevant, an assistant, commencing March 1st; Mary E. Wiggin, a Primary teacher, commencing March 7th.

Bigelow School — Laura A. Neilson, and Lucy M. Marsh, assistants, commencing March 7th.

Chapman School. — Mary E. Buffum, an assistant, commencing March 7th.

Comins School. — Delia M. Upham, and Emily Swain, assistants.

Dearborn School District. — Elizabeth E. Wallis, an assistant, and Clarabel E. Chapman, a Primary teacher, both commencing March 7th.

Lincoln School District.—Abby M. Cochrane, an assistant, commencing March 9th; Josephine F. Krogman, a Primary teacher, commencing March 12th.

Mayhew School. — Geo. W. M. Hall, usher, commencing Nov. 1, 1869.

Prescott School District. — Emma C. Reed, a Primary teacher, commencing February 1, 1870.

Rice School. — Mary J. Allison, Helen M. Dunbar, Eliza Cox, assistants, commencing March 7, 1870. Elizabeth A. Bradley, an assistant, commencing January 26, 1870.

Shurtleff School District. — Mary E. Morse, a Primary teacher.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Elizabeth B. Walton, an assistant in the Dudley School, commencing March 7, 1870.

Evening Schools. — In the Ward Room in Ward 12, E. B. Parker, in place of Mr. Chase, resigned, and Ellen Cashman, an assistant; in Union Hall, So. Boston, Mary Watson, an assistant; in Warren street Chapel, Albert J. Tolman, principal teacher of Drawing, commencing Nov. 29, 1869. Evening Schools.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Anna Bond, an assistant. School for deaf mutes.

Voted, That Margaret T. Pease be transferred from a Primary School in the Shurtleff School District, to the Shurtleff School. Teachers transferred.

Voted, That Miss Clara H. Balch be transferred from a Primary school in the Dearborn School District, to the Dudley School.

Voted, That Henrietta M. Wood and Mary A. Morse be transferred from Primary schools in the Comins School District to Primary schools in the Washington and Dudley School District; said transfers having the approval of the Committees on both Districts.

The Board proceeded to the reading of the Quarterly Reports. After the reading of the reports on the Latin and English High Schools, Mr. Hunt moved that the further reading of the reports be by their titles; and the Board so voted. Quarterly Reports.

Reports were likewise submitted by the Chairmen, respectively, of the Committees on the schools for licensed minors, for deaf mutes, and on Evening Schools.

Mr. Loring Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Salaries on the order referred to them pertaining to the salaries of the teachers of the High Evening School, and submitted the following order: — High Evening School: Salaries of teachers: Report of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That the salaries of the principal teachers of the High Evening School be six dollars, and of assistants five dollars, per night. The order passed.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, read the report of the Committee on Accounts, showing the amounts paid to temporary teachers for their services. The report was accepted. Temporary teachers: amounts paid for services.

Salaries of clerks of Com. on Accounts.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, That from the commencement of the year, until otherwise ordered, the Committee on Accounts shall have authority to fix the salaries of the clerks in their department.

Anderson's Gr. School History: Report of Com. on Text-books.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-books, reported back the order referred to that Committee, February 8th, to provide that Anderson's Grammar School History be used in the third classes of the Grammar Schools, recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Girls' High and Normal School-ho.: additional land: Report of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Jellison read the report of the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 8th, an order regarding the purchase of additional land for the Girls' High and Normal School-house. The Committee report that the present lot is too small for the building which has been erected for this school; there is danger that the light in many of the rooms will be seriously affected by the erection of new buildings, and the present limit of the yard is inadequate for the wants of the large number of pupils liable to assemble. The Committee deem it necessary that the City Council purchase the whole of the lot of land adjoining the school-yard, and, afterwards, dispose of any portion not required for light or yard room. The Committee recommended the passage of the order. The question was then taken upon the passage of the order, and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bent, —

Evening Schools: Regulations amended.

Ordered, That the Rules be suspended, and that Sect. 2, of Chap. X. — Regulations of the Evening Schools — be amended by striking out the word "March" and inserting the word "April."

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

Lincoln School District: additional school.

Ordered, That the Lincoln School District Committee be authorized to open an additional school in the Ward Room of Ward 12. Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Brigham, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Drawing, submitted and read a statement showing the condition of the instruction given in Drawing in the public schools, and calling attention to the present needs of the pupils in this branch. The Committee offered the following orders: —

Drawing: report of Committee on.

1. *Ordered*, That Mr. Chas. A. Barry be appointed an instructor in Drawing in the public schools, his term of service to commence March 1, 1870, and the Committee on Salaries to report a proper salary. This order was amended, on motion of Mr. Bent, to provide that said salary should include compensation for teaching in the High Evening school. The order was then adopted.

Instructor in Drawing appointed.

2. *Ordered*, That not less than two hours each week shall be devoted to Drawing in the Grammar Schools, and not less than half an hour each day in the Primary Schools. Referred, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Instruction to be given in Drawing.

3. *Ordered*, That a sum not exceeding sixty dollars be appropriated to procure a set of models for the use of the pupils in the English High School, in Drawing, and that they be purchased under the direction of the teacher of Drawing, the head master, and the Superintendent of Public Schools. The order was referred, on motion of Mr. Jellison, to the Committee on Accounts.

Eng. High School: models in Drawing.

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Dracopoli, a teacher of the French language in the English High School, be at the rate of one thousand dollars from the 1st of March, instant, Mr. Dracopoli to devote ten hours each week; and that, for his extra services in teaching twenty hours a week, from the time of his entering the school in September last, to the 26th of February last, he be paid a sum corresponding to the rate of one thousand dollars a year for ten hours a week. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Eng. High School: teacher of French: salary, etc.

Rice School District: new Primary schools.

Mr. Flint offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage at this time. The rules were suspended and the order passed: —

Ordered, That the Rice School District Committee be authorized to establish a series of classes in the new Primary School building recently erected on Appleton street contiguous to the Rice School-house.

Heliotellus and Lunatellus.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the Board reconsidered the vote whereby the motion was adopted to postpone the introduction of the instruments known as the Heliotellus and Lunatellus until further ordered by the Board. It was then on motion of Mr. Jellison, *Voted* to add to the order, providing for the introduction of said instruments, the words "to the satisfaction of the District Committees."

Mr. Morse, of Ward 13, offered the following: —

Dearborn School-house: alterations in, etc.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to raise the roof of the Dearborn School-house and put on another story, thereby furnishing a hall and two rooms, and to remodel the house in regard to ventilation, heating, etc., and likewise to enlarge the yard, by taking the land adjoining now owned by the city, paving the same, and putting up good substantial outbuildings. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Schools in Francis st.: *one session* daily.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition, signed by parents of children attending the schools in Francis street, asking that the schools be allowed to hold but one session daily. The petition was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Shurtleff School-house lot.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Fogg, That the Committee on School-houses consider and report upon the propriety of extending the area of the lot of the Shurtleff School-house eastward to the line of the street.

Lewis School Dist: Enlargement of Primary

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the Primary School-house on Winthrop street, in the Lewis

School District, forthwith. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

School-house on Winthr'p st.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hunt, That the order offered March, 1869, providing for the appointment of a standing committee for the examination of candidates for the position of teachers in the public schools, be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Standing Committee on examination for selection of teachers.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Learnard, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of making an appropriation for clerk-hire for the Secretary of the Board.

Appropriation for clerk hire for the Secretary.

Dr. Allen offered the two following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Washington School be furnished with the philosophical instruments used in the Grammar Schools. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Washington School: philosophical instruments.

2. *Ordered*, That the Washington and Dudley School District Committee have permission to form another division of the Dudley School, to commence March 7, 1870. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Dudley School: new division asked for.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, That twelve hundred copies of Mr. Waterston's Eulogy on Thomas Sherwin, late head master of the English High School, delivered before the English High School Association, be printed for the use of this Board, and for distribution among the teachers of the High and Grammar Schools.

Mr. Waterston's Eulogy on Thomas Sherwin.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Bowditch and Quincy School District Committees be authorized to make such equitable partition of the Primary Schools within the two districts as may, to said Committees, seem desirable.

Bowditch and Quincy School Districts: partition of the Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the order was amended by the addition of the following words: "subject to the revision and approval of this Board." The order as amended was then adopted.

Committee on School-houses and school sections.

On motion of Mr. Noble, it was *Voted*, To take up the order submitted by the Committee on Rules and Regulations February 8, to wit: —

Ordered, That chapter I., Section 2, be amended by inserting after "School-houses," in the seventh line, the words "and Grammar School Sections"; also, that Chapter IV., Section 4, be amended by adding the following: "All applications for changes of the boundaries of the Grammar School Sections shall be referred to this Committee, who shall consider and report upon them in writing before they are decided by the Board."

Rules amended.

The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Annual exhibitions and other public exercises.

Dr. Waldock offered the three following orders, all of which were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

1. *Ordered*, That Chapter IX. of the Rules and Regulations be amended by the addition of the following section:

Sect. 38. Due notice of the Annual Exhibitions of the Schools shall be given to the School Committee. If any other public exercises are given by any Grammar or Primary school, the master of the district shall give due notice thereof to the Secretary of the Board, who shall notify the standing committee of the district. If any other public exercises are given by any one of the High schools, the head master of the school shall give due notice thereof to the Secretary, who shall notify the whole Board.

Out-door recess: oversight of pupils.

2. *Ordered*, That Chap. IX. of the Rules and Regulations be amended by the insertion of the following section after Sect. 3: —

During the out-door recess, some one of the teachers of the several schools shall be present in each school yard, or, in case of mixed schools, one on each side of the yard, and shall have an oversight of the conduct of the pupils.

3. *Ordered,* That Chap. II., Sect. 1, be so amended that orders of reference not debatable shall take precedence of (No. 5) other "motions, orders," etc. Order of business.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Bent.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 12, 1870.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Present: the whole Board, except Messrs. Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Brown, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Deblois, Emery, Fogg, Foye, Holbrook, Huse, Ingalls, Lewis, Loring Lothrop, Monroe, Nichols, Noble, Pope, Riley, Sayward, Stevens, Streeter, Trull, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a Convention, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard H. Stearns, of Ward 11, and the same was placed on file. Concurrence of Mayor and Aldermen.

Agreeably to assignment the Board of Aldermen entered the Council Chamber, and the Convention was held. Convention.

The Chair read a communication from William G. Harris, withdrawing his name as a candidate for the position to be filled. Wm. G. Harris declines.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee appointed to nominate a candidate for the vacancy, presented the name of M. F. Dickinson, jr.; and the report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Pope, of the Board of Aldermen, and Messrs. Hobbs and Rust, a Committee to receive the ballots: who proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was sixty; necessary for a choice, thirty-one; that M. F. Dickinson, jr., had fifty-seven, and there were three scattering. Accordingly Mr. Dickinson was declaredelected. M. F. Dickinson, Jr. chosen.

The business having been accomplished for which the Convention was held, the Board of Aldermen retired.

Teachers Confirmed.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on the English High School, nominated George H. Howison to be a master in that school, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. Cumston to be head-master: and the Board confirmed the nomination.

Miss Caroline F. Welch was confirmed as an assistant in the Quincy School.

Miss Frances McDonald was confirmed as an assistant in the Washington School.

Teachers on probation nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation:—

Boylston School.—Mary L. H. Gerry, an assistant, to commence May 1st.

Eliot School District.—Harriet E. Lampee, a Primary teacher, commencing April 1st.

Everett School.—Elizabeth L. P. Shannon, an assistant, commencing March 7th; Mary F. Thompson, a head-assistant, commencing April 1st.

Norcross School District.—Isabel M. Kelren, a Primary teacher, commencing April 1st.

Rice School District.—Grace Hooper and Martha Sprague, Primary teachers, commencing March 10th.

Washington and Dudley School District.—Amelia H. Philbrick, a Primary teacher, commencing March 15th.

Mr. Learnard presented the following reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations:—

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations. Examinations for admission to the High Schools.

1. Upon the order directing the Committee on Rules and Regulations to consider the expediency of providing that the examinations for admission to the High Schools shall be held in the several Grammar Schools. The Committee report that no plan could well be arranged for such examinations, owing to the different ages and required qualifications of the pupils seeking admission to the Latin,

English High, Girls' High and Normal, and Roxbury High Schools, and that it is inexpedient to adopt the order. The report was accepted.

2. Upon the petition asking that the schools in Francis street be allowed to hold but one session daily. The Committee report that there do not appear to be any good and sufficient reasons for granting the request. The report was accepted.

Francis St. *One session* daily for schools in.

3. Upon the order proposing an amendment of the Regulations, to provide for an oversight of the pupils during recess. The Committee think that the matter can be better left with the master of the district, acting under the approval of the district committee, where there is no doubt it is now placed by the Regulations. The report was accepted.

Out-door recess: oversight of pupils.

4. Upon the order proposing to amend the rule of the Board which fixes the order of business. It is in the power of the Board, by the rule itself, to order a change like that in the amendment proposed, should it be deemed desirable at any meeting. The objections to adopting the proposed amendment are: first, that all matters coming under the fifth head in the order of business, requiring debate, would be deferred to the close of the session, when members were fatigued, and the meeting few in numbers; second, the introduction of orders and papers of reference before entering upon matters requiring discussion might sometimes result in leaving the Board without a quorum, owing to the withdrawal of members from the meeting after having submitted their papers. For these reasons the Committee deem it inexpedient to pass the order. The report was accepted.

Order of business.

5. Upon the order originating with the Committee on Drawing, to provide that two hours each week in the Grammar schools, and not less than half an hour each day in the Primary schools, should be devoted to Drawing. In view of all that, by our Regulations, is required to be accomplished in these schools, the Committee recommend the adoption of

Drawing; instruction to be given in.

the order amended, so as to provide that one hour each week in both Grammar and Primary schools shall be devoted to the study of Drawing.

Ordered, That one hour each week shall be devoted to Drawing in the Grammar and Primary schools. The order passed.

Mr. Washburn, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted the following order: —

Charles A. Barry's services.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars be paid to Mr. Charles A. Barry, for thirty veenings' services as teacher of Drawing in the High Evening School. The order passed.

Secretary; appropriation for clerk hire: report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee on Accounts, who were instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of making an appropriation to provide for assistance for the Secretary of the Board, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations shall have authority to expend a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars per annum, in furnishing assistance to the Secretary of the Board, at such times as they may deem necessary, commencing with the current year; the bills to be approved by the Committee on Accounts. The order passed.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-books, submitted the following order: —

Hawes's Synchronology. Haydn's Dictionary of Dates.

Ordered, That one copy of Hawes's Synchronology of Ancient and Modern History, and one copy of Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, be placed as books of reference in each of the High and Grammar schools in this city.

Reports of Com. on School-Houses. Lincoln School accommodations.

Mr. Jellison submitted the following reports of the Committee on School-houses: —

1. Upon the order to authorize the formation of a new class in the Lincoln School; that the Committee found that there were more pupils in the section than could be accommodated in the Lincoln school-house, and that, therefore,

they recommend the passage of the order referred to them at the last meeting. The report was accepted, and the order adopted.

2. Upon the order that additional accommodations be furnished for the Primary schools in Winthrop street, in the Lewis School District; recommending the passage of the following order: — Lewis School District. Accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the Primary schools in Winthrop street, Lewis School District, by enlarging the present school-house, or erecting a new building. The report was accepted, and the order passed.

3. Upon the matter of extending the area of the lot of the Shurtleff school-house, the Committee report such extension inexpedient; the present yard being sufficient for all school purposes, and is the largest in the city. The report was accepted. Shurtleff School house Lot.

4. Upon the order to provide for alterations in the Dearborn School House, the Committee recommend the passage of the following order: — Dearborn School House, Alterations in etc.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the Dearborn School-House, by raising the roof, creating such additional rooms — including a hall — as the building will admit of; also to introduce water, new heating apparatus, and means of ventilation; paving the present yard, and erecting good out-buildings. The report was accepted and the order passed.

5. The Committee report in favor of giving permission to the Committee on the Washington and Dudley School District to form another division of the Dudley School. Dudley School: new division.

The report was accepted; and the order to that effect, offered at the last meeting, was adopted.

Dr. Upham submitted and read a statement from the Committee on Music showing the present plan of instruction

in Music in the several grades of the Public Schools, and submitted the following orders: —

Committee on music; report and orders.

1. *Ordered*, That the teacher of music in the High School department, in addition to his personal instruction in that department, shall have the general superintendence of the musical instruction in the public schools, at a salary of dollars per annum, and shall be required to devote at least five hours each day to such instruction and general supervision.

2. *Ordered*, That in the first and second classes of the Grammar schools, musical instruction shall be given by the music teacher at a salary of dollars per annum, with two assistant teachers at a salary of dollars each per annum.

3. *Ordered*, That one half hour each week shall be devoted to musical instruction by the said music teacher and his assistants, in the first class; and that ten minutes each day be devoted to musical instruction in the second class, under the direction of the above-named music teachers, with the aid of the regular teachers, in like manner as in the classes below.

4. *Ordered*, That so much of Section 10, Chapter XII., of the Rules and Regulations as may conflict with these orders be stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, the several orders were referred to the Committees on Rules and Regulations, and Salaries, jointly; said joint committee to report in print.

Dr. Upham also offered the following orders: —

Girls' High and Normal and Roxbury High Schools; appropriation for Music in.

1. *Ordered*, That a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Committee on Music, for the purchase of music required in the Girls' High and Normal and Roxbury High Schools. Referred with full powers to the Committee on Accounts.

Salary of Julius Eichberg.

2. *Ordered*, That the salary of Mr. Julius Eichberg, as teacher of music in the High schools, be increased in the sum

of six hundred dollars for the present school year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

3. *Ordered*, That for the present year the Musical Exhibition of the schools be held on Wednesday, the eighth day of June, instead of on the day required by our Rules; viz. "on the Wednesday preceding the close of the Spring term." Adopted. Musical Exhibition.

Mr. Bent submitted a report of the Committee on Evening Schools, which, on motion of Dr. Ordway, was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed. Evening Schools: report of committee on.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Board, any communication from the masters and teachers of the Public Schools, relating to the use of text-books or the employment of general teachers, is a breach of decorum, unless the opinion of such masters and teachers has been requested by the Board, or by a committee thereof. Communications from masters and teachers; breach of decorum.

Mr. Jellison offered the following: *Ordered*, That the Primary Schools in Lane place, Quincy School District, and in High Street place, Bowditch School District, be abolished, and that the teachers be honorably discharged from the service of the City; this order to take effect on the 15th inst. Amendments were offered, as follows: first, by Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, to substitute the fifteenth of May for the words the "15th inst.;" second, by Dr. Reynolds, to strike out the words "and in High Street place, Bowditch School District": both of which amendments passed. The order as amended was adopted. Primary schools abolished.

On motion of Dr. Upham, *Ordered*, That five hundred additional copies of Mr. Waterston's Eulogy on the late Thomas Sherwin, delivered before the English High School Association, be printed for the use of this Board. Eulogy on Thomas Sherwin.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, *Ordered*, That the several District Committees report to this Board, at its meeting in Statistics from district com.

May next, the following statistics of their respective Districts, viz:—

1. The number of pupils belonging to the Grammar Schools on the first day of May next, and the number of teachers, with the grade of each teacher, employed therein.

2. The number of pupils belonging to the Primary Schools, at the same date, and the number of teachers employed therein.

3. Any facts or particulars bearing on the subject of these orders, which they may think it important to present.

Services of Miss Sarah Ingalls.

Mr. Bent offered the following: *Ordered,* That there be paid to the personal representatives of Sarah Ingalls the sum of seventy-one dollars and seventy-five cents, for one month and seven days' services as teacher of a Primary school in the Phillips School District, ending March 7th, 1870. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Boylston School; Miss May's services.

Dr. Bundy offered the following: *Ordered,* That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to Miss Roxana May, for services as a temporary assistant in the Boylston School, from October 12th to May 1st, 1870. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Slade offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for action at this time: —

Hours of morning sessions.

Ordered, That Chap. IX., Sect. 3, be amended by striking out all of the section between the words "12 o'clock" in the third line, and the word "with" in the sixth line.

Dr. Hall offered the following, as a substitute for the order: —

Ordered, That so much of Sect. 3, Chap. IX. as relates to the hours of the morning session of the schools for the month of May, be suspended during the month, and that the session commence at nine o'clock, and continue until twelve o'clock.

Roll called.

A question arising as to whether a quorum was present, it was ordered that the roll be called. The roll was called, and the following gentlemen were recorded as absent, viz:

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Alger, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Brown, Burroughs, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Edson, Emery, Flint, Fogg, Foye, Haskins, Hobbs, Holbrook, Huse, Ingalls, Lewis, Loring Lothrop, S. K. Lothrop, McKendry, Means, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Noble, Packard, Pope, Riley, Sanders, Sayward, Stevens, Streeter, Trull, Washburn, Withington, Woodbury, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Fifty-one gentlemen responded as their names were called; consequently a quorum was present. The question was then upon substituting the order offered by Dr. Hall for that offered by Mr. Slade. After some discussion upon the question, it appeared that there was no quorum present, and the meeting thereupon dissolved.

Absent.

No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 10, 1870.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of May, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board called the meeting to order, and soon after called to the chair the Rev. Dr. Lothrop, who occupied the chair the remainder of the evening.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs, Alger, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Clark, Close, Cudworth, Dickinson, Fogg, Garceau, Green, Hall, Haskins, Holbrook, Morrill, Noble, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Sayward, Trull, and Woods. Absent

Lavinia M. Allen was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Wells School District. Teachers confirmed and nominated.

Clara M. Hovey was nominated as an assistant in the Lyman School, commencing March 7th.

Sophia C. Dudley was nominated as a Primary teacher in the Shurtleff School District, commencing May 1st.

Dr. Bundy recalled the nomination, at the last meeting, of Mary L. H. Gerry, as an assistant in the Boylston School, and then submitted the following: *Ordered,* That Mary L. H. Gerry, a Primary teacher in the Quincy School District, be transferred to the Boylston School. The order passed. Transfer of a teacher.

Mr. Loring Lothrop read the reports of the Committee on Salaries, upon several matters which had been referred to the Committee: Reports of Committee on Salaries:

1. Upon the order, offered April 12th, to provide for the payment of the amount due for the services of Miss Sarah Ingalls, a Primary teacher in the Phillips School Dis Services of Miss Ingalls.

trict; that said amount has been placed upon the pay-roll and may be collected by any one authorized to collect it.

Services of Miss May.

2. Upon the order, offered April 12th, that there be paid $300 to Roxana May for services in the Boylston school; that the amount due Miss May is $231; and that the same has been placed upon the pay-roll, and may be collected at the office of the Treasurer. Accepted.

Salary of teacher of French in Eng. High School.

3. Upon the order offered in March, relative to the services and salary of Mr. Dracopoli, teacher of French in the English High School; the Committee recommend the adoption of the following order: —

Ordered, That Mr. Dracopoli be paid at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars a year for his extra services as teacher of French in the English High School, from the 13th of Sept., 1869, to the 26th of Feb., 1870; and that he be paid at the rate of one thousand dollars a year for ten hours' services each week, from the first day of March, 1870. Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Charles A. Barry, Instructor in Drawing.

4. Upon the order, offered in March, directing the Committee on Salaries to report a proper salary for Charles A. Barry, an instructor in Drawing in the Public Schools. The Committee report that Mr. Barry is to give his whole time during the school hours to the Grammar and Primary schools, and is to organize a regular system of drawing in these schools; therefore, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Charles A. Barry, instructor in Drawing, be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, to begin on the first of March, 1870. Accepted, and the Order passed.

Services of temporary teachers: report of Com. on Accounts.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted a report, showing the amounts which have been paid for the services of temporary teachers; to wit, to Roxana May, in the Boylston School, $231; to A. F. Gordon, in the Rice School, $3; to S. J. Cook, a primary teacher in the Comins School District, $100.50: Total 334.50—Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Dickinson, elected at the last meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Stearns, on the Committees on the Dwight, Everett, and Franklin School Districts.

Mr. Dickinson appointed on Committees.

Mr. Parkman submitted and read the report of the Committee appointed, in March, to consider communications from Miss Elizabeth P. Peabody, on the subject of Kindergartens; and submitted the following order: —

Kindergarten: school report of Committee on.

Ordered, That this Committee be empowered to organize a single experimental Kindergarten school, in some unoccupied room in one of the school-houses, and to employ a teacher who shall receive the salary of a Primary school-teacher. The order was adopted. Subsequently, Mr. Connor moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was adopted, and moved to lay the motion to reconsider upon the table; which motion passed. Also, on motion of Mr. Connor, voted that the report be printed.

Mr. Shackford submitted and read the report of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of establishing Industrial Schools. On motion of Mr. Bent, the report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Industrial Schools: report of Committee on.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee appointed, in January, to inquire into the condition and organization of the schools of the Sixteenth Ward, — formerly the town of Dorchester, — asked leave to report in print; and it was voted that leave be granted.

Schools in Dorchester: Committee of Inquiry to report in print.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, moved that the resolution passed at the last meeting, regarding communications from masters and teachers, be expunged; and moved that the question upon the motion be taken by yeas and nays. The motion to take the question by yeas and nays passed. A lengthy discussion followed. The yeas and nays being taken, the following gentlemen voted Yea, viz: —

Resolution as to communications from Masters, &c.; motion to expunge. Yeas and Nays.

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, Bowdlear, Brown

Bundy, Connor, Edson, Hunt, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, Kneeland, Learnard, Loring Lothrop, Maguire, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Monroe, James Morse, Nichols, Pope, Prescott, Ricker, Rust, Shattuck, Stedman, Washburn, Waterston, Withington, and Woodbury, — 30.

The following gentlemen voted No, viz: —

Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Bachelder, Badger, Bent, Burroughs, Conboye, Curtis, Deblois, Emery, Fallon, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Hobbs, Jarvis, Jellison, Lamson, Lewis, S. K. Lothrop, Mason, McDonough, McKendry, Merrill, of Ward 11, Horatio G. Morse, Ordway, Page, Parkman, Pelletier, Porter, Shackford, Slade, Stevens, Streeter, Poland, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Waldock, Walsh, and Wilson, — 41.

So the motion did not pass.

Mr. Jellison offered the following: —

Sect. 7, Chap. v., motion to rescind a portion of.

Ordered, That so much of Sect. 7, Chap. 5. of the Rules and Regulations, as was adopted Dec. 14th, 1869, in accordance with an order presented Oct. 9th, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Learnard moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Salaries, and it was so referred.

Dr. Bundy offered the following: —

Eng. High School; maximum salary to Mr. Howison.

Ordered, That George H. Howison receive the maximum salary as a master in the English High School, such salary to begin with the date of the commencement of his services in that school.

Mr. Bent moved that the rules be suspended, for action upon the order at this time. The rules were suspended, and then the order was adopted.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, offered the following: —

Primary teachers in Lane place continued in service.

Ordered, That that portion of the vote of the last meeting, honorably discharging the teachers in the Primary schools in Lane place, be reconsidered, and that those teachers be continued in the City's service until the close of the present school year.

Mr. Jellison moved to amend the order, so as to except from its operation two of said teachers, viz: Miss Felt and Miss Edwards. Dr. Ordway moved to amend the amendment, so as to except only Miss Edwards. This motion passed. Mr. Jellison's amendment, as amended, passed. The order, as amended, was then adopted.

O. H. Bowler's petition to be appointed Supt. of Writing.

The Chair presented a petition from O. H. Bowler, to be appointed Superintendent of Writing in the Public Schools. The petition was referred to the Committee on Text Books.

Lewis School-house lot.

On motion of Mr. Monroe: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses consider the expediency of enlarging the Lewis School-house lot, by extending the same in a southerly direction.

Instruction in Sewing.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report to this Board such changes in the rule requiring instruction in sewing in the Grammar schools as are required to make the rule conform to the present organization.

On motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Rules and Regulations to be printed.

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations of this Board be printed for the use of the Board, — all amendments to be included, adopted since the last edition was issued.

On motion of Mr. Learnard: —

Statistics of teachers and pupils; Com. on Accounts to report regarding.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to examine the statistics of the several districts, received by the Board this evening, and report in print, at our next meeting, the number and grade of teachers, both Grammar and Primary, to which, under our rules, each district is entitled.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, offered the following: —

Horse and buggy for Sup't of Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish a horse and buggy for the use of the Superintendent of Public Schools. Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Waterston to report regarding schools, &c., in California.

Mr. Waterston, in a few remarks, informed the Board of his intended absence from the city, and, consequently, from the meetings of this Board; during which he should visit schools, and make inquiries in regard to education, in other parts of the country, particularly in California.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11: —

Ordered, That our associate, Mr. Waterston, be requested, on his proposed visit to California, to gather such information as he may be able to gather respecting the schools and educational interests on the Pacific coast, and report the same to this Board.

Summer vacation of High Schools; petition.

The Chair presented a petition from pupils and parents of pupils attending the High schools, asking that the Summer vacation of those schools might begin on the first day of July. The petition was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following: —

Girls' High and Normal School; books of reference, chemical and philosophical apparatus, &c.

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars be expended, under the direction of the Committee on Accounts, for the purchase of books of reference, chemical and philosophical apparatus, and for additional instruction in chemistry, for the Girls' High and Normal School.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 14, 1870.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Bachelder, Blenkinsop, Conboye, Dickinson, Huse, Lewis, Riley, Slade, Trull, Waterston, Wilson, and Withington. Absent.

The Chair read a communication from John B. Bachelder, asking permission to make arrangements with the Superintendent of Schools and Principals of the High and Grammar Schools, for an exhibition of his Painting of the Battle of Gettysburg, to the pupils and teachers. Voted, on motion of Mr. Jellison, that the request be granted. Petition: Bachelder: Painting of Battle of Gettysburg.

The Chair read a communication signed by several persons, representing the Israelitish citizens of this city, requesting the Board to change the days on which instruction is given in the Public Schools, so that they shall be closed on the Sabbath of the petitioners. The communication was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Petition of Israelitish citizens.

The following teachers were confirmed, having served the usual term of probation: — Teachers confirmed.

Girls' High and Normal School. — Lucy O. Fessenden, Julia A. Jellison, Adeline S. Tufts, assistants.

Bigelow School. — Mary C. Babcock, Eliza B. Haskell, Laura A. Neilson, assistants.

Chapman School. — Annie E. Clark, an assistant.

Dearborn School. — Clarabel E. Chapman, a Primary teacher.

Everett School. — Elizabeth L. P. Shannon, an assistant.

Lewis School District. — Helen F. Crombie, a Primary teacher.

Rice School District. — Hannah E. Bradley, Helen M. Dunbar, Mary J. Allison, Eliza Cox, assistants. Martha Sprague, and Grace Hooper, Primary teachers.

Teachers on probation nominated.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

Dwight School. — Anna S. Colburn, an assistant, commencing June 1st.

Lawrence School. — Mary W. Bragdon, an assistant, commencing April 1st.

Lewis School. — Julia F. Long, an assistant.

Dorchester School District. — Elizabeth H. Page, an assistant in the Codman School, commencing May 1st.

Resignation of teachers.

The resignation of Maria B. Clapp, an assistant in the Lewis School, and Elizabeth P. Hopkins, an assistant in the Mayhew School, were presented and accepted.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports of the several High School and District Committees being called for, Mr. Bent moved that they be read by their titles, excepting such reports or such parts of reports as it might be important to have read. The motion passed, and the reports were then submitted accordingly.

Phillips School District; Prim. School discontinued.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, That the Primary School in the Old Phillips School-house, taught by Miss Emeline D. Fish, be discontinued at the end of the present school year.

Vacation of High Schools. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, upon the petition referred to them May 10, asking that the summer vacation of the High Schools begin on the first day of July. The Committee report that, to grant the prayer of the petition would be to lengthen considerably the vacation of these schools. The Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the present arrangement of the vacation, as to duration, is the best that can be made, and that quite as much opportunity for recreation is now permitted as the interests of the schools and the wel-

fare of the pupils require. The Committee have found it impossible to make any arrangement by which the vacation should commence as desired by the petitioners, and still be of its present length, owing to the relations existing between the High and Grammar Schools in July. The examinations of candidates in the Grammar for admission to the High Schools are required to be made soon after the middle of July. From these and other considerations, the Committee deem it inexpedient to make the proposed change, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, laid upon the table.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Bent, to go into secret session, for the election of a Superintendent and the Instructors of the Public Schools. Secret session.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fogg, Ricker and Baldwin, a Committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a Superintendent of the Public Schools. The Board then balloted for that officer with the following result: Whole number of ballots 76; necessary for a choice 39. John D. Philbrick had 48, George W. Means had 24, and there were 4 scattering. Accordingly, Mr. Philbrick was declared elected. Election of a Superintendent of Schools.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, that the Committee on Salaries consider and report to this Board what in their opinion the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools should be for the ensuing year. Salary of the Superintendent.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for the choice of Head Masters of the High and Masters of the Grammar Schools. The several Committees nominated candidates for the respective places. The Chair appointed the Committee previously serving to collect the ballots, who attended to that duty and reported the number of votes cast for each of the several candidates; whereupon, it appeared that the following were elected to the places named, for the ensuing year: — Election of the Instructors.

Latin School, Francis Gardner; *English High School*, Charles M. Cumston; *Girls' High and Normal School*, Ephraim Hunt; *Roxbury High School*, Samuel M. Weston; *Dorchester High School*, Elbridge Smith; *Adams School*, Robert C. Metcalf; *Bigelow School*, Thomas H. Barnes; *Bowditch School*, Alfred Hewins; *Bowdoin School*, Daniel C. Brown; *Boylston School*, John Jameson; *Brimmer School*, Joshua Bates; *Chapman School*, George R. Marble; *Comins School*, Daniel W. Jones; *Dearborn School*, William H. Long; *Dudley School* (*Principal*), Sarah J. Baker; *Dwight School*, James A. Page; *Eliot School*, Samuel W. Mason; *Everett School*, George B. Hyde; *Franklin School*, Granville B. Putnam; *Hancock School*, McLaurin F. Cooke; *Lawrence School*, Larkin Dunton; *Lewis School*, Wm. L. P. Boardman; *Lincoln School*, C. Goodwin Clark; *Lyman School*, Hosea H. Lincoln; *Mayhew School*, Samuel Swan; *Norcross School*, Josiah A. Stearns; *Phillips School*, James Hovey; *Prescott School*, James F. Blackinton; *Quincy School*, Charles E. Valentine; *Rice School*, Lucius A. Wheelock; *Shurtleff School*, Henry C. Hardon; *Washington School*, Leverett M. Chase; *Wells School*, Reuben Swan; *Winthrop School*, Robert Swan; *Codman School*, *Dorchester*, Edward M. Lancaster; *Everett School*, *Dorchester*, Roland F. Alger; *Gibson School*, *Dorchester*, William E. Endicott; *Harris School*, *Dorchester*, Edwin T. Horne; *Mather School*, *Dorchester*, Daniel B. Hubbard; *Stoughton School*, *Dorchester*, Joseph T. Ward, Jr.; *Tileston School*, *Dorchester*, Henry B. Miner.

Salaries of Instructors.

Voted, On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, That the salaries of the Instructors for the ensuing year be at the same rates as for the present year. This vote was afterward reconsidered, so far as it relates to the salaries of the teachers in the schools in the Dorchester District, and the salaries of the teachers of music.

Salary of sistant in Drawing.

Mr. Brigham offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Henry Hitchings, Assistant in Drawing, be increased to $2,500.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Board then proceeded, upon the nomination by the several Committees, to elect the subordinate teachers in the High and Grammar Schools, and the teachers of the Primary Schools.

Having in this manner elected the teachers in the Latin, English High, Girls' High and Normal, Roxbury High, and Dorchester High Schools, the Board, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, voted that the nominations to be made by the District Committees be received, and, together with the report made to the Board this evening by the Committee on Accounts, — of the statistics of the pupils and teachers in the several districts, — referred to said Committee; and that they be instructed to report in print, at the next meeting, the nominations and the statistics, and such orders as may, in their judgment, be applicable to the various districts.

Nominations referred to Committee on Accounts.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Washburn, That, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet one week from next Monday evening.

Adjournment.

Mr. Brown moved that the vote whereby the Board fixed the salaries of the instructors be reconsidered, so far as relates to the salaries of the teachers in the schools in Dorchester. Mr. Learnard made a similar motion regarding the salaries of the teachers of music: both of which motions passed.

Salaries; reconsideration.

Mr. Brown read the reports of the Committee to whom were referred in March, the petitions,— 1. Of inhabitants of that part of Ward 16, known as Neponset and Port Norfolk, — asking the Board to confer upon the school in that locality the name of Minot: 2. From residents and voters in that part of Ward 16 formerly known as the Winthrop School District, — asking the Board to substitute for the present name of that school — the Codman — a more euphonious, appropriate, and satisfactory name.

Dorchester Schools: Report of Committee on proposed change of names.

Upon the first of the petitions the Committee report, recommending that, in view of the fact of a strong desire expressed to have the name of Stoughton connected with a school in another part of the ward; and also of the fact that, in Port Norfolk, the desire is nearly unanimous to have the school in that locality named the Minot, in honor of the family which owned the most of the land in the district from the time of its settlement to 1806, when there was but one house in the district not belonging to the Minot family, the school at Port Norfolk be called the Minot School.

Minot School.

Upon the second of the petitions the committee report: "that, at a public hearing given to those interested in the name of the School, it appeared to your Committee that the name of Stoughton, as applicable to said school, was both satisfactory and appropriate; for the following reasons: The title of the land occupied by the school-house was derived from Israel Stoughton, who settled in Dorchester in 1632; built the first mill on the western continent; was commander of the Colonial forces in the Pequot War; afterwards was a Lieut. Col. in the Parliamentary Army in England, where he died in 1644. In his will, which was made in London and recorded in this County, he gave to Harvard College 300 acres of land, to remain to the college use forever, 'which may, in time, be worth something towards the advance of learning.' The town of Hyde Park is the location of the bequest.

"His son William, who occupies a prominent position in New England history, erected at his private expense one of the College buildings in Cambridge; and, at his death, among other bequests in favor of learning, gave to the town of Dorchester £150, the income of which was for the advancement of the salary of the schoolmaster. This fund, with its accumulation, has been placed in the hands of our City Treasurer for educational purposes; its cash value is about $4,500."

The Committee therefore recommend that the school in the locality named, be called the Stoughton School. The reports were accepted, and the recommendations of the Committee adopted; — to wit, that the school at Port Norfolk, now called Stoughton, be called the Minot School; and that the school on River street, Dorchester, now called Codman, be called the Stoughton School.

Stoughton School.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Brown, That the salaries of the teachers in Ward 16 remain as at present until action is taken upon the report of the Committee for assimilating the schools in Dorchester to the Boston system.

Salaries of teachers in Dorchester.

Mr. Washburn submitted the following: —

"The Committee on the High School Education of Boys would report, that they are considering attentively the subjects committed to their charge, and hope soon to report in full. But, as upon one point the Committee are unanimous, viz., that of raising the standard of qualifications for admission to the Latin School, and that a year's time may not be lost in the important changes proposed, they would respectfully report the following order, and ask its consideration at this time": —

High School education of boys.

Ordered, That candidates for admission to the Latin School be required to pass a satisfactory examination in Colburn's or Eaton's Arithmetic, Written Arithmetic as far as Square Root, Elementary Geography, Rudiments of English Grammar, History of the United States, and writing sentences from dictation — penmanship and orthography both — to be considered; and that Section 3, Chap. 13, be amended to conform hereto.

Qualifications for admission to the Latin Schools.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the rules were suspended to allow action upon the order at this time. The question upon the order was then taken, and it was adopted.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee to whom were referred in April, the order submitted by the Committee on music — reported *in part*, by recommending the passage of the following orders: —

Salaries of supervisors and teachers of music.

Ordered, That the salary of Julius Eichberg, supervisor of music in the Public Schools, and teacher of music in the High Schools, be $3,300.

That the salary of Mr. Sharland, supervisor and teacher of music in the First Class of the Grammar Schools, be $3,000.

That the salary of Mr. Alexander, supervisor of music in the Second Class of the Grammar Schools, be $2,000.

That the salary of Mr. Holt, supervisor of music in the lower Classes of the Grammar Schools, be $2,500.

That the salary of Mr. Mason, supervisor of music in the Primary Schools, be $2,500.

That the salary of Mr. Wilde, supervisor and teacher of music in the Grammar and Primary Schools in the Dorchester District, be $2,000.

The report was accepted: and, the question being upon the orders, they were severally adopted.

Mr. L. Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom it had been referred, reported, recommending the adoption of the following order: —

Salary of Julius Eichberg.

Ordered, That the salary of Julius Eichberg, as teacher of music in the High Schools, be increased in the sum of $600.00 for the present school year.

High School education of boys. Hours of school sessions.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Reynolds, That the Committee on the High School education of boys be authorized and instructed to consider and report, in submitting any plan for the High Schools, which hours of the day, and what number of hours, shall be assigned for the school sessions.

Expenditures for the public Schols. o Committee on Accounts to report.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to print their Report of the expenditures of the department of Public Schools for the financial year 1869–70.

Dr. Ordway offered the following: —

Boundaries of Bowditch

Ordered, That the Bowditch School District Committee ask the Board to extend the western limit of the Bowditch

School Section as far as the centre of Harrison Avenue. Referred to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections. Subsequently this action was, on motion of Dr. Reynolds, reconsidered. Dr. Reynolds then offered the following: —

School section.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Bowditch School District Committee be instructed to call a convention of the Bowditch and Winthrop District Committees, not later than the twenty-first inst., to consider the proposed change in the line separating the sections of the two Grammar Schools in those districts; that any orders adopted at said meeting be immediately thereafter communicated to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections; — said Committee to report thereon at the meeting of the Board in July.

Convention of Bowditch and Winthrop District Committees.

The question being upon again referring the first order to the Committee on School Houses, etc., the Board refused so to refer said order. The question was then taken upon the order offered by Dr. Reynolds, and it was adopted.

Dearborn School-house to be remodeled.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. James Morse, That the Dearborn School-House be delivered to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for remodeling, on the first of July, or when he is ready to commence upon it; and that the school be dismissed at that time for the remainder of the term.

Dr. Bundy offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Miss Edwards, formerly a Primary teacher in Lane Place, and honorably discharged at the last meeting of the Board, be continued until the close of the present school year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Salary of Miss Edwards.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Learnard, and under a suspension of the Rules, That the Committees on the Musical Exhibition and the School Festival be authorized to expend each a sum not exceeding $3,000, to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar Schools; — the expenditures to be approved by the Committee on Accounts.

Musical exhibition and school festival, expenditures for.

Mr. Ingalls offered the following order: —

Chapman School District. Miss Buffum's salary.

Ordered, That the maximum salary be paid Mary E. Buffum, an assistant in the Chapman School district, from March 1st, 1870, she having served the city as an assistant several years, to the acceptance of the Committee. Referred by the Rules of the Board to the Committee on the Chapman School District, in concurrence with the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Connor offered the following: —

List of reference books, globes, maps, charts, &c.: addition to.

Ordered, That no Reference Book, Globe, Map, or Chart, shall be added to the authorized list without reference to the Committee on Accounts.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Annual report of Committee on text-books.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the annual Report of the Committee on Text-Books, and submitted therewith the following orders: —

1. *Ordered,* That a list of the text-books for each class in the Primary Schools be prepared and published in the new edition of the Rules and Regulations recently ordered by the Board.

2. *Ordered,* That in all those cases where the Regulations for the Primary Schools provide that not less than thirty minutes be devoted daily to Vocal and Physical Exercises, *ten* be substituted in place of "thirty."

3. *Ordered,* That the National Primary School Slate be permitted in any Primary School where the District Committee deem it expedient to use it.

4. *Ordered,* That in the list of text-books for the Grammar Schools the clause that now reads "Payson, Dunton and Scribner's," or "A. R. Dunton's Writing Book," be amended by inserting after A. R. Dunton's the words "or the system of," so that the clause will read, "Payson, Dunton and Scribner's, or A. R. Dunton's, or the Spencerian System, of Writing-books."

5. *Ordered,* That in the list of text-books for Grammar

Schools, the clause reading "Bartholomew's Drawing Books, new series," be amended by adding thereto, or "Nutting's Self-Instructing Drawing Lessons."

6. *Ordered*, That one copy of the "Arithmetical Charts," published by Brewer & Tileston, be introduced into each of the Primary Schools.

7. *Ordered*, That a copy of Warren's new Geographical Charts be furnished to each of the Grammar Schools.

8. *Ordered*, That a special Teacher and Superintendent of writing be appointed to serve for one year from the first Monday in September next; that he give lessons to the teachers in each of the districts, under the direction of the district committees; and that the teachers understand that their improvement of this opportunity and increased capacity to teach writing will be one element entering into the judgment of the Committee in nominating them for re-election at the end of the year.

9. *Ordered*, That the following books be stricken from the list of Books of Reference, and that the same be not furnished to any new schools that may be established, viz.; Arnold's History of Rome, Barnard's American Journal of Education, Drake's History of Boston, Frothingham's Life of Warren, Frothingham's Siege of Boston, Schouler's History of Massachusetts in the Civil War, Irving's Life of Washington, Life of Josiah Quincy, Life of Samuel Adams, Marsh's Man and Nature, Smith's History of Greece, and Soule & Wheeler's Manual of English Pronunciation and Spelling, and Urbino's German Charts of Natural History.

The Report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Underwood, *Voted*, That the Report and the accompanying orders be printed.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, *Ordered*, That Friday, the 17th of June, be granted as a holiday for the schools. Holiday.

The Board then adjourned for want of a quorum.

Attest,

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 27, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Monday, the 27th day of June, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Blenkinsop, Burroughs, Conboye, Ingalls, L. Lothrop, McDonough, Moody Merrill, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Packard, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Streeter, Toland, Trull, Upham, Waterston, Withington, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, the Board chose, by ballot, Mr. Learnard, as President *pro tempore.* Chairman pro tem.

Elizabeth E. Wallis was confirmed as an assistant in the Dearborn School. Teachers confirmed and nominated.

Barbara C. Farrington was nominated as a Primary teacher, on probation, in the Phillips School District, commencing March 8, 1870.

The Chair read a paper from the City Council, communicating an order passed by both branches, authorizing the School Committee to expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for an excursion of its members. Appropriation for an excursion.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, submitted in print the report of the Committee on Accounts, embracing the nominations of teachers for re-election, and the statistics of pupils and teachers in the several districts, which matters were referred to that Committee at the last meeting. The following orders accompanied the report: — Report of Committee on Accounts, on Nominations and Statistics.

1. *Ordered,* That the following District Committees be required to amend their lists of nominations, by striking from each the following: Adams, one assistant in the Grammar;

Bigelow, two assistants in the Grammar; Brimmer, two assistants in the Grammar, and three teachers in the Primary; Dearborn, one assistant in the Grammar; Franklin, one assistant in the Grammar; Lewis, one assistant in the Grammar; Lyman, one assistant in the Grammar; Mayhew, one assistant in the Grammar; Shurtleff, one assistant in the Grammar; Wells, one assistant in the Grammar; Winthrop, two assistants in the Grammar, and one teacher in the Primary.

2. *Ordered,* That a head assistant be allowed for each school for boys.

3. *Ordered,* That the Bigelow District Committee be required to organize the Bigelow School as a school for boys, under the Rules of the Board.

4. *Ordered,* That the Primary school on Charles street be abolished, to take effect at the commencement of the next school year.

5. *Ordered,* That Intermediate schools shall form a special class by themselves, and that the maximum number of pupils shall not exceed thirty-five, or the minimum less than twenty-five.

6. *Ordered,* That, hereafter, all nominations of teachers on probation shall be referred to the Committee on Accounts, and no teacher shall be passed as elected until the District Committee have shown that the average attendance of the school entitles it to a teacher; and no Primary school teacher shall be elected for a new class until the Committee on School-houses shall have filed an order with the Board to the effect that the new class has been approved of by their Committee, under the Rules of the Board.

7. *Ordered,* That the lists of nominations presented by the Bowditch, Bowdoin, Boylston, Chapman, Comins, Dwight, Eliot, Everett, Hancock, Lawrence, Lincoln, Norcross, Phillips, Prescott, Quincy, Rice, Washington and Dudley Districts be confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Bent the orders were laid upon the table.

Schools in Ward 16, — Dorchester: report of Committee of inquiry.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee appointed, in January, to inquire into the condition and organization of the schools of the Sixteenth Ward, — formerly the town of Dorchester, — submitted the report of that Committee in print, — City Doc. No. 64. The following orders accompany the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the schools of the Sixteenth Ward be subject to the Rules and Regulations of this Board, except in cases where the Board shall otherwise order.

2. *Ordered*, That, until otherwise provided for, the school in the Sixteenth Ward known as the Dorchester High School be continued under its present organization, and with the present course of study.

3. *Ordered*, That the Codman, Everett (Dorchester), Gibson, Mather, Tileston and Stoughton Schools be conducted, until otherwise ordered, under the following organization: each school shall be instructed by one head male teacher, whose title shall be Principal, and whose duties shall be those of a master of a Grammar School, with as many female assistants as there are now employed in said schools, respectively; and in these schools the programme of the Grammar and Primary Schools shall be carried out, as far as is practicable, with the text-books in use.

4. *Ordered*, That the Atherton School be continued, until otherwise ordered, as at present, under the instruction of two female teachers; and that the Stoughton Intermediate be continued with one female teacher; — one of the teachers in the former ranking as a Grammar School assistant, and the other as a Primary teacher; and the teacher in the latter as a Primary teacher.

5. *Ordered*, That the subject of the text-books in the schools of the Sixteenth Ward be referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

6. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers in the public schools of the Sixteenth Ward, from the commencement of the next school-year, be as follows: The head-master of the High School shall be paid the minimum salary of that grade; the salaries of head-assistant and assistants in this school, respectively, shall be the same as those of the corresponding grades in the Girls' High and Normal School; the male principals of the other schools, whose rank shall be that of sub-master, shall be paid the maximum salary of a sub-master; and the salaries of the Grammar School assistants, and Primary School teachers, shall be the same as those of the corresponding grades of teachers in the city proper.

7. *Ordered*, That the suggestions of the Committee in respect to the special School Funds which have been transferred from the Town of Dorchester to the Treasurer of Boston be referred to the Committee on Accounts, to consider and report on the same to this Board.

The report was accepted and the orders were adopted.

Report of Committee on Text-Books considered.

The Board, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, took up the report of the Committee on Text Books — submitted at the last meeting and ordered to be printed. The several orders were taken up separately, and considered. (See pages 62 and 63 of the Minutes for June 14th.) Order No. 1 was adopted. Order No. 2 was referred to the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill. The Board refused to adopt motions made by Mr. Jellison, to suspend a provision of Sect. 6, Chap. VI, to allow action upon orders 3 and 4. Order No. 5 was laid upon the table, on motion of Dr. Bundy, to await the report of the Committee on Drawing. Orders Nos. 6 and 7 were referred to the Committee on Accounts. Dr. Lothrop moved to amend order No. 8, by inserting in the third line, after the word *next*, the following: "to discharge his duties under the direction of the Committee on Drawing."

Mr. Kneeland offered the following, as a substitute for that portion of the order ending, in the fifth line, with the words "district committees": *Ordered,* That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to nominate to this Board some competent person as teacher of writing, to serve for one year from the first Monday in September next, who shall give, under their direction, instruction to the teachers in the art of penmanship, and in the best method of teaching the same, and also render such services in teaching writing in the Grammar Schools as may seem to them desirable.

Mr. Holbrook moved an indefinite postponement of the order under consideration, but gave way to a motion by Dr. Green, that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening, July 5th. The motion passed. Mr. Holbrook then renewed his motion for an indefinite postponement of order No. 8. Thereupon, on motion of Dr. Green, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 5, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, July 5th, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Allen, Blenkinsop, Burroughs, Clark, Conboye, Connor, Curtis, Deblois, Flynn, Garceau, Haskins, Holbrook, Huse, Ingalls, Jellison, Loring Lothrop, Maguire, Morrill, Page, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Trull, Toland, Upham, Walsh, Waterston, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absence.

Harriet Sturtevant was confirmed as an assistant, and Mary E. Wiggin as a Primary teacher, in the Adams School District. Teachers confirmed.

Emma C. Reed was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Prescott School District, services commencing February 1st.

The Chair read the communication from the City Council, presented at the last meeting, concerning an appropriation for an Excursion, whereupon Mr. Hunt offered the following: —

Ordered, That a special committee of nine be appointed to make arrangements for an excursion of the members of this Board, the expenses of the same to be defrayed from the special appropriation of the City Council, made for this purpose. Excursion, committee on.

Mr. Ricker moved to amend the order, to provide that the Committee consist of *five* instead of nine members. The amendment passed.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Reynolds, to take the question by yeas and nays. Yeas and nays.

The question was so taken, and the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: Messrs. Adams of Ward 13, Adams of Ward 12, Bachelder, Badger, Baldwin, Emery. Fallon, Fogg, Frost, Hall, Hunt, Kneeland, Lewis, S. K. Lothrop, McDonough, Merrill of Ward 14, Monroe, H. G. Morse, James Morse, Nichols, Noble, Ordway, Packard, Porter, Prescott, Ricker, Rust, Sayward, Shattuck, Slade, Stedman, Stevens, Streeter, Tucker, Underwood, Wilson, and Withington, — 37; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: Messrs. Bent, Bowdlear, Brigham, Brown, Bundy, Close, Cudworth, Deblois, Dickinson, Edson, Flint, Green, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jarvis, Lamson, Learnard, Mason, McKendry, Means, Merrill of Ward 11, Parkman, Pelletier, Reynolds, Shackford, Waldock, Washburn, and the President, — 28. So the order passed: Thirty-seven gentlemen having voted yea, and twenty-eight gentlemen having voted nay. The Chair appointed the following as the committee, viz., Messrs. Hunt, Connor, Ricker, Packard and Monroe.

Report of Committee on Accounts, on Nominations and Statistics.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, to take up the report of the Committee on Accounts, — submitted at the last meeting,— embracing the nominations of teachers for re-election, and the statistics of pupils and teachers, in the several districts. (See page 65 of the Minutes of June 27th.)

Mr. Bowdlear moved to amend the nominated list of the Franklin School District, by transferring the name of Mary A. Mitchell from the place of an assistant to that of a Primary teacher, and the list was so amended.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Underwood, to take up the subject in the order of the districts, each chairman to be allowed five minutes for explanation in regard to the nominations of his district. Order No. 1 and Order No. 6, of the series submitted with the report, were laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Merrill of Ward 14. Order No. 1 was immediately taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Monroe.

Voted to amend Order No. 1, on motion of Mr. Cud-

worth, by striking out the clause "Adams, one assistant in the Grammar"; on motion of Mr. Packard, by striking out the clause "Bigelow, two assistants in the Grammar"; on motion of Mr. Brown, by striking out the clause "Brimmer, two assistants in the Grammar, and three teachers in the Primary," and inserting, instead, the words, one teacher in the Primary.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Fogg, to strike out all of the order after, and including, the word Dearborn.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Rust, to postpone indefinitely Order No. 1.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Learnard, to suspend the Rules, to allow the passage of Order No. 2. Order No. 2 was adopted. Order No. 3 was adopted. Order No. 4 was referred, on motion of Dr. Lamson, to the Committee on the Bowdoin School District, together with a petition, which the Chair read, of citizens and residents of Beacon, Marlboro' and Charles streets, and vicinity, asking that the Primary School on Charles Street be continued for the ensuing year.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Noble, to amend the list of teachers nominated by the Prescott School District Committee, by adding thereto the name of Emma C. Reed, as a Primary teacher.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Cudworth, to amend Order No. 7, so that it shall include the names of all of the districts.

Dr. Ordway offered the following as a substitute for order No. 7: *Ordered*, That, in Chap. XII. Sec. 3, in the second line, the word fifty be substituted "for fifty-six"; and that after the word "register" these words be added,— "unless the Board shall otherwise order it in any particular case." Laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Hunt. Order No. 7, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, amended by Dr. Lothrop, *Ordered*, That the Public Exhibitions of the Grammar Exhibitions of the

Grammar and High Schools.

Schools be held for the present year on the 15th, 16th, 18th, and 19th of July, instead of on the 25th and 26th, as provided for in the Rules; that the annual School Festival occur on the 19th; and that the Primary Schools close on the 16th; also, that the High Schools be allowed to hold their Exhibitions on the 14th, the 15th, or the 16th.

Mr. Wilson offered the following: —

Miss Kelren's services.

Ordered, That Miss Isabel M. Kelren be paid the sum of $34.50 for twenty-three days' services as a temporary teacher in a Primary school in the Norcross School District, from March 8th to April 1st.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Brigham, from the Committee on Drawing, offered the following orders: —

Committee onDrawing, duties of.

1. *Ordered*, That Section 11, Chapter IV. be amended so as to read: they shall appoint and nominate to the Board for confirmation, instructors in this department; shall recommend to the Committee on text-books, any books, models or charts for use in this branch, and report to the Board in writing at the meetings in March and September.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to make the necessary changes in the Rules and Regulations to conform to the orders establishing a special standing committee on Drawing, and designating certain times to be devoted to Drawing in the Public Schools.

Bartholomew's Drawing-books.

3. *Ordered*, That where the Rules designate certain numbers of Bartholomew's Books all numbers be omitted.

The orders were adopted.

Adjourned.

Attest,

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 12, 1870.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th day of July, 1870, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M. In the absence of the President of the Board, on motion of Dr. Green, Mr. Learnard was chosen Chairman *pro tem.*, *viva voce*, under a suspension of the rules.

Present the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Bent, Blenkinsop, Clark, Close, Conboye, Connor, Edson, Emery, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Holbrook, Huse, Ingalls, Jellison, Loring Lothrop, McKendry, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Page, Pelletier, Pope, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Sayward, Stevens, Streeter, Trull, Waterston, Withington, Woodbury, Woods, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Clara E. Farrington was confirmed as master's head-assistant, and Amelia B. Coe, as head-assistant, in the Bigelow School. Confirmations and nominations of teachers.

Mr. Brigham, chairman of the Committee on Drawing, nominated for confirmation as teachers of drawing, Wm. N. Bartholomew, Henry Hitchings, and Charles A. Barry, and they were confirmed. Drawing.

John S. White was nominated as a sub-master, on probation, in the Latin School, his term of service to commence at the beginning of the school year in September.

Dr. Ordway submitted the following nominations, namely: Miss Adams, Miss McKendry, and Miss Nichols in the Bowditch School; and Miss Gould, Miss Parker, and Miss Newmarch, as Primary teachers in the Bowditch School District.

The nominations were laid upon the table.

Miss Mary A. Mitchell was re-instated as an assistant in the Franklin School, on motion of Mr. Bowdlear.

Dr. Shattuck nominated for re-election Caroline F. Welch, an assistant, Miss Walbridge, Miss Maynard, and Miss Bowker, Primary teachers, in the Quincy School District. The nominations were laid upon the table.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Brown presented the resignation of Miss Baldwin, a Primary teacher in the Brimmer School District. The resignation was accepted.

Dr. Allen presented the resignations of Miss Cotton, and Miss Witherell, Primary teachers in the Washington and Dudley School District. The resignations were accepted.

High school education of boys.

Mr. Washburn, from the Committee on the subject of the High School Education of Boys, asked and was granted leave for the Committee to report in print.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Brown, that the Committee on Drawing have leave to report in print.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Noble, that the Committee on School-houses have further time to prepare a report.

Drawing: committee on, to report in print.

Mr. Slade submitted in print the report of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, and Military Drill. The Committee make the following recommendations: —

Vocal and physical culture and military drill: report of committee.

1. That ten minutes in each session be devoted to vocal and physical culture, instead of thirty minutes, as now provided for by the Rules and Regulations.

2. That, in all public examinations of our schools, the examination begin with an inspection of the manner in which these physical exercises are performed, and that the degree of proficiency in each room be marked and graded, as is done in the other departments of study.

3. That the offices of instructor and assistant in this department be discontinued, and that, in their stead, a superintendent of vocal and physical culture be appointed, who shall devote three months of each year to the training of the masters and teachers of all our schools for the personal fulfilment in their various divisions of the work heretofore assigned to the instructor and his assistant.

4. That the services of the instructor in military drill be continued as heretofore. The committee also offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended, to conform to the recommendations of this report.

On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, the recommendations were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Underwood, that the supervisor of vocal music in the upper classes of the Grammar Schools be authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to give the usual effect to the School Exhibitions; the amount of such assistance to be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

School exhibitions: assistance to supervisor of music.

Mr. Parkman, chairman of the Committee on Kindergarten Schools, moved to take from the table the motion made by Mr. Connor, in May — to reconsider the vote whereby the Board authorized the establishment of a Kindergarten School, &c. The motion to take from the table passed. After considerable discussion the question was taken upon the motion for a reconsideration, and the motion was rejected.

Kindergarten school: reconsideration rejected.

Mr. Underwood offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on Text-Books, and it was so referred: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be requested to consider the expediency of providing that the mode of Primary instruction taught at our training school, termed the Object System, be established in all our Primary schools, and that Leigh's Charts, and other facilities for instruction, be provided for such schools.

Object system, and Leigh's charts.

Mr. Learnard submitted and read reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, as follows: —

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

1. Upon the order offered and referred to that Committee, June 14th, to the effect that no book of reference, globe, map or chart, shall be added to the authorized list without reference to the Committee on Accounts. The Committee

List of reference books, etc.: additions to.

report that no provision exists in the Rules prescribing the manner to be pursued in adopting books of reference, &c., &c., by which the desirableness of such adoption can be made known to the Board. Yet the committee do not deem that the Committee on Accounts is the proper committee to consider the matter. Books of reference are used as aids in accomplishing the prescribed course of study. It is the duty of the Committee on Text Books to examine annually the course of study, and make recommendations for improvements therein. It therefore seems to be the duty of that committee to consider all aid or assistance to be derived from the use of books of reference, maps, charts, &c. The committee accordingly propose so to amend the Rules as to effect this end.

As this amendment would conflict with the section relating to the duties of the Committee on Accounts, the committee propose an order to obviate that difficulty. The following are the orders: —

Ordered, That section 6, chapter IV., be amended by adding the following: Every proposition for the introduction of books of reference, globes, maps or charts, must emanate from or be referred to this committee.

Ordered, That section 3, chapter IV., be amended by striking out all to the *first* period in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof, the following: The Committee on Accounts shall consider and report upon every proposition requiring the expenditure of money, before it is finally acted upon by the board, except it be for salaries, books of reference, globes, maps or charts. The orders were both adopted.

Petition of Israelitish citizens.

2. Upon the petition presented to the board, June 14th, from Israelitish citizens, requesting such a change in the school-days as would allow the schools to be closed on the Sabbath of the petitioners. The change asked for would dispense with the session of the schools on Saturday, and substitute a session on Wednesday afternoon.

The committee consider the present arrangement of sessions, to cover a week's time, the best that could be made; and that no change should be made, unless for weighty reasons, or a great emergency. The committee do not find any good ground for the proposed change, and they accordingly recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The question being upon accepting the report of the committee, Dr. Reynolds offered the following: —

Ordered, That the children of Hebrew parents be allowed to absent themselves from the school exercises on the Hebrew Sabbath, and on the days of the principal religious holidays of Hebrews; satisfactory evidence being furnished to the respective committees that the studies of those days have been satisfactorily learned.

To this, Mr. Learnard offered the following substitute: —

Ordered, That the several district committees be authorized to take such action in relation to the attendance of Hebrew children upon the school exercises on Saturday, and on the great feast days of the Hebrew faith, as in their judgment they may deem expedient.

Mr. Hutchins moved to lay the subject upon the table, and that it be further considered in September. The motion passed.

Instruction in music.

3. Upon the report and orders offered by the Committee on Music, in April, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations and the Committee on Salaries, jointly. The orders embody two propositions, viz., a reorganization of the musical department of the public schools, and a revised scale of salaries of the teachers of music, consequent upon a change in the duties required and the labor performed. The committee have already considered the subject of the salaries, and reported thereon at the meeting of June 14th.

The committee report: "Upon careful and mature delib-

eration your committee have unanimously reached a conclusion that the present is the right time to introduce a modification in the system of instruction in music. In fact, as stated by the Music Committee, it is rendered necessary by the change which has taken place since the present plan was put in operation. Schools have largely multiplied, and territory has been repeatedly annexed. The system has outgrown itself. It is unwieldy, and, more than that, it is to-day without a responsible head, of which it stands in great need. These considerations remove any doubt which might exist as to the proposition of the Committee on Music for a reorganization."

The following orders accompany the report: —

Ordered, That, from the commencement of the next school-year, instruction in the department of Music be given in accordance with the following programme: Mr. Eichberg, with the title of Supervisor of Music in the Public Schools, to instruct all the pupils of the High schools personally, and, in addition, to exercise a general supervision of the musical instruction in all the schools, devoting the whole of the school-time to the service of the city. Mr. Sharland personally to teach the first class in each Grammar school, except those in Dorchester, devoting himself to the service of the city during all the school hours. Mr. Alexander to carry forward, with the aid of the regular teachers, the musical instruction in the second class of the Grammar schools, excepting those in Dorchester, giving four-fifths of the school-time to the service of the city; provided, also, that he shall take from Mr. Holt, if circumstances will admit, the third classes of the Grammar Schools, excepting the schools before mentioned. Mr. Holt to carry forward, as at present, the musical instruction in the lower grammar classes; and Mr. Mason to continue also as at present, in the Primary Schools; each of these gentlemen to give to the service of the city all the school hours, and each to be exempted from teaching in the Dorchester District. Mr.

Wilde to continue in charge of the musical instruction in the Dorchester schools, with the exception of the High school, giving four-fifths of the school-time to the service of the city.

Ordered, That one half hour each week be devoted to musical instruction by the music teacher in the first class of the Grammar Schools; and that ten minutes each day be devoted to musical instruction in the second class in the same schools, under the direction of the music teacher for the class.

Ordered, That section 10, chapter XII., be amended so as to conform to the foregoing orders.

The report, on motion of Mr. Rust, was accepted. The orders were then adopted, unanimously.

Annual exhibitions and other public exercises: notices of.

4. Upon an order, offered in March, proposing an amendment to the Rules and Regulations, to provide that notices be given of the annual exhibitions of the schools to the members of the Board; and of other public exercises to the district committees, or to the members of the Board.

The committee recommend that the proposition that due notice be given by the Secretary of the annual exhibitions of the schools to the members of the Board, be made a part of the Rules and Regulations; — such notice being now, and having been, merely voluntary. The committee think that the district committees are competent to regulate the matter of notices pertaining to merely local exhibitions or exercises; and the same with respect to public exercises of the High schools.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That sec. 34, chap. IX., be amended by inserting after the word "commence," in the tenth line, the following: "due notice of which shall be given by the Secretary to each member." Also, that it be further amended by striking out the words, "and they," in the same line,

and inserting "the exhibitions"; and by inserting in the next line, the word "and" before the word "they."

The order passed.

Instructors in music nominated.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, and the orders this evening adopted, Dr. Upham nominated the instructors in music as follows, viz: —

Julius Eichberg, supervisor of music in the Public Schools, and teacher of music in the High schools.

Joseph B. Sharland, supervisor and teacher of music in the first class in the Grammar schools.

Henry W. Alexander, supervisor of music in the second class in the Grammar schools.

H. E. Holt, supervisor of music in the lower classes in the Grammar schools.

Luther W. Mason, supervisor of music in the Primary schools.

Hiram Wilde, supervisor and teacher of music in the Grammar and Primary schools in Dorchester.

Mr. Parkman offered the following: —

Kindergarten school: appropriation for.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the purchase of apparatus for the proposed Kindergarten school.

The order was referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Hunt: —

Girls' High and Normal school: transfer of the training department.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be directed and authorized to transfer the Training School, now located in Somerset street, to the new School-house in Newton street, immediately upon the completion of the building, and that the building on Somerset street be placed under the direction of the Bowdoin School District Committee.

Mr. Hunt offered the following: —

Girls' High and Normal school-house:

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Committee on the Girls'

High and Normal School, for the expenses incidental to the dedication of the new School-House. Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Appropriation for dedication.

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

Resolved, That, as the sense of this Board, the pleasure and advantage of the members will be best promoted by making a change in the plan originally proposed for a day's festivity of this Committee, namely, by having a series of inexpensive entertainments, at which there can be an interchange of opinions and of experience; and that the committee heretofore appointed for this purpose be requested to consider the expediency of providing for a series of such entertainments, to be held once a month during the coming season. Referred to the special committee having under consideration the subject of an excursion by this Board.

Entertainments.

Dr. Reynolds moved that when the Board adjourn it be for two weeks from to-night. Dr. Ordway moved that the adjournment be for two months, and this motion prevailed.

Adjournment.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Bundy, that the Boylston School be excused from holding an exhibition this year.

Boylston school: exhibition dispensed with.

Dr. Fogg offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be, and are hereby, requested to erect a Primary School-House in the Shurtleff School District, in the rear of the Shurtleff School-House, on a lot of land belonging to the City.

Shurtleff school district: new Primary school-house.

The following resolves and order were offered by Mr. Fallon, and were unanimously adopted: —

Resolutions on death of Charles E. Valentine.

Whereas, Mr. Charles E. Valentine, late master of the Quincy School, met with a sad and fatal accident.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the accident which has deprived the public schools of Boston of a faithful teacher, and the family of Mr. Valentine of a kind husband and an affectionate father.

Resolved, That Mr. Valentine's long, faithful, and earnest labors in the service of education are entitled to our warmest recognition.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family of Mr. Valentine in their present affliction.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 13, 1870.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. The President in the chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Clark, Conboye, Garceau, Haskins, Holbrook, Hutchins, L. Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, Means, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Page, Pope, Prescott, Riley, Trull, Waterston, and the President Common Council. Absent.

Laura M. Porter was confirmed as a head assistant in the Phillips School, term of service to commence with the present school year. Teachers confirmed.

Amelia H. Philbrick was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Washington and Dudley School district.

The following teachers were nominated, as being on probation: — Teachers on probation nominated.

Girls' High and Normal School. Maria M. Melcher, an assistant, commencing October third.

Chapman School district. Ellen T. Higgins, a Primary teacher, commencing September fifth.

Hancock School district. Ellen C. Sawtelle, head assistant, Josephine B. Silver, Mary E. Ross and Anna E. Jacobs.

Washington and Dudley School district. Annie E. McDonald and E. Elizabeth Boies, Primary teachers, commencing with the school year.

Kindergarten School. E. B. Thomas, commencing September fifth. Kindergarten School.

Mr. Slade submitted the following resignations: McLaurin F. Cooke, master; Alicia H. Gilley, head assistant; Resignation of teachers.

Henrietta L. Pierce, assistant, and Eunice F. Linsley, a Primary teacher. The resignations were accepted.

Dr. Shattuck moved, and it was voted, to take from the table the nominations of certain teachers in the Quincy School district for re-election, made at the last meeting, to wit: Miss Caroline F. Welch, an assistant, and Miss Lavonne E. Walbridge, Emily E. Maynard, and Louisa Bowker, Primary teachers.

Dr. Shattuck moved to strike out the name of Miss Welch, and it was so voted. The question was then upon electing the three eemaining teachers.

Minutes corrected.

Mr. Learnard moved, and it was voted, to correct the minutes of the last meeting, wherein they omit to state that Dr. Shattuck moved a suspension of the rules to admit of action upon the nominations of the above-named teachers, and that he also further moved that the motion for a suspension be laid upon the table, which motion was carried. It was then voted to take from the table the motion for a suspension of the rules, made at the last meeting. The question was then upon the motion to suspend the rules, and that motion passed. The motion, now in order, that the three teachers above named be elected, was adopted.

Mastership of the Hancock School.

Mr. Slade nominated Mr. Walter H. Newell, for the place of master of the Hancock School, in place of McLaurin F. Cooke, resigned, and moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of proceeding at once to an election. Voted, on motion of Dr. Reynolds, to lay the motion to suspend upon the table. Thereupon, on motion of Dr. Reynolds, it was

Ordered, That the nomination made by the Committee for the mastership of the Hancock School be referred back to that Committee, with instructions that public notice be given by the Secretary of the Board that a vacancy exists; and that, in all other details pertaining to the choice, the Committee proceed in accordance with the rules of this Board.

Dr. Shattuck nominated Mr. E. Frank Wood, present sub-master in the Quincy School, to be master in that school, in the place of Charles E. Valentine, deceased, and moved a suspension of the rules, to proceed to an election. Mastership of the Quincy School.

On motion of Dr. Reynolds, voted to lay upon the table the motion for a suspension of the rules. Thereupon, on motion of Dr. Reynolds,

Ordered, That the nomination made by the Committee for the mastership of the Quincy School be referred back to that Committee, with instructions that public notice be given by the Secretary of the Board that a vacancy exists; and that, in all other details pertaining to the choice, the Committee proceed in accordance with the rules of this Board.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Burroughs, that the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be authorized to postpone the opening of the school to Monday, October third. Girls' High and Normal School,—opening postponed.

Mr. Brigham presented in print, agreeably to the vote at the last meeting of the Board, the report of the Committee on Drawing. Report of Committee on Drawing.

The Committee submit the following orders:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to employ a suitable teacher from the South Kensington Art School, as Normal instructor in this city, at a salary not exceeding £500 a year.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to establish three evening schools for drawing, in such rooms as may be furnished for the purpose, the schools to be open at least two evenings in a week, from November 1 to May 1, under such regulations as the committee may propose.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, the first order was amended by inserting the words "twenty-eight hundred dollars," in place of "£500." Said order was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the second order was

amended by inserting, in the last line, in place of the words "committee may propose," the words "Board may approve." The order was then adopted.

Report of Committee on the High School Education of Boys.

Mr. Washburn submitted, in print, the report of the Special Committee on the subject of the High School Education of Boys. On motion of Mr. Lewis, the Board assigned the consideration of the report to one week from to-night.

Dr. Upham offered the following: —

Leave of Absence to Luther W. Mason.

Whereas, The Committee on Music of the Board of Comptrollers of the City of Philadelphia have respectfully requested that Mr. Luther W. Mason be permitted to assist in the introduction of instruction in vocal music in the Primary Schools of that city; therefore,

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Mason, for this purpose, during the month of October, provided that he shall make such arrangements to supply the musical instruction during his absence as shall be satisfactory to the Music Committee. The order passed.

Dr. Upham offered the following: —

"National Music Teacher."

Ordered, That the "National Music Teacher" (so called) be furnished to each Primary school for the use of the teacher as a guide to the Music Charts.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

New District Committee.

Ordered, That the President of this Board appoint a District Committee for the new Grammar School-house erecting on Madison square, Boston Highlands. The Chair appointed the following as the Committee, viz.: Messrs. Moody Merrill, Allen, Streeter, Kneeland, Means, Tucker, Edson, Clark, Garceau, and Deblois.

Roll called.

A question at this time arising as to whether a quorum was present, the Secretary was directed to call the roll, and the roll having been called, it appeared that the following named gentlemen were absent, viz.: Messrs. Adams of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Bachelder, Bald-

win, Blenkinsop, Clark, Close, Conboye, Deblois, Fallon, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Holbrook, Hunt, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, L. Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, McDonough, Means, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Packard, Page, Pope, Prescott, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Slade, Trull, Waterston, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council; whereby it appeared that fifty-four gentlemen were present, and consequently a quorum.

On motion of Dr. Stevens, amended by Mr. Jellison,

Ordered, That the Primary School in South Margin street, taught by Miss Rea, be transferred to the Wells School District, and occupy a room in the School-building on Wall street, the transfer having been sanctioned by the Committees of the Mayhew and Wells School Districts, and that the building on South Margin street be surrendered to the City Government.

Transfer of a Primary School.

On motion of Dr. Reynolds, the Board took from the table the subject of allowing certain privileges to the children of Hebrew parents, in accordance with a petition therefor presented to this Board. Dr. Reynolds then offered the following as a substitute for the orders submitted at the last meeting: —

Petition of Israelitish citizens.

Ordered, That the Board instruct the several district committees to allow the children of Hebrew parents to absent themselves from the school exercises on the Hebrew Sabbath, and on the principal religious festivals of the Hebrews, whenever the parents of any Hebrew child so request in writing; satisfactory evidence to be required by the respective committees, that the studies of those days are performed. After considerable discussion, the matter was, on motion of Mr. Learnard, indefinitely postponed.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Lothrop, that when the Board adjourn, it be for one week from to-night.

Adjournment.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee for the

Committee to prepare Annual Report.

year 1870, viz.: Messrs. L. Lothrop, Ricker, Pope, Moody Merrill, Bowdlear, Bent, and Fogg.

The Chair read the resignation of Washington B. Trull, from Ward one, as a member of this Board, and the resignation was accepted. Resignation of Mr. Trull.

Dr. Waldock offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee of Examination for the mastership of the Hancock School be instructed to consider the expediency of nominating a competent woman for the position, and that, to this end, they invite women to compete for the nomination. Mastership of the Hancock School; women to compete.

Laid upon the table.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Lothrop, that the text-books now in use in the schools of the Dorchester District be continued; and that whenever the committee of the said district unite in thinking it expedient to make a change, they may do so by adopting the corresponding text-books authorized by this Board for the schools of the City of Boston; said adoption to be made only in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 7, chapter IV. of the Rules. Text-books in Dorchester.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following: —

Ordered, That the teacher of Sewing in the Dorchester schools be paid two hundred dollars extra per annum, to defray travelling expenses. Teacher of sewing in Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Kneeland, that the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the whole subject of vacations, and report such changes, if any, in the present rule of the Board relating to vacations, as may seem to them expedient; that the same committee also consider whether any changes are desirable in the hours appointed for the opening and closing of the school sessions. Vacations and school hours.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Brown, that the Primary School buildings on Warrenton street and Newbern place be surrendered to the City Government. School-houses surrendered to the City.

Adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 20, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th day of September, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the chair.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Blenkinsop, Clark, Close, Conboye, Deblois, Dickinson, Emery, Flint, Flynn, Fogg, Garceau, Holbrook, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, Lewis, L. Lothrop, Maguire, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Noble, Page, Pope, Porter, Prescott, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Sayward, Slade, Stevens, Tucker, Walsh, Waterston, Woodbury, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bowditch School District. — Mary E. Nichols, an assistant, and Ellen L. Collins, and Julia M. Driscoll, Primary teachers; their salaries to be the maximum, and to commence September first. Teachers confirmed. Maximum salary.

Lewis School. — Julia F. Long, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as being on probation: — Teachers on probation nominated.

Latin School. — Willard T. Perrin, sub-master.

Roxbury High School. — Maria L. Tincker, head-assistant; Helen A. Gardner, an assistant.

Lawrence School District. — Miss Bradeen, a Primary teacher.

The Board confirmed the transfers of the following named teachers, viz., Miss Ada L. Cushman, from the Lawrence School District to the Bowdoin School, and Catharine A. Dwyer, a Primary teacher in the Lawrence School District, to the Lawrence School. Delia A. Varney, an assistant in Teachers transferred.

the Quincy School, to be head-assistant in the Wells School, commencing Sept. 22.

Resignations.

The resignation of Sarah A. M. Cushing, head-assistant in the Roxbury High School, was presented and accepted, taking effect September 19th.

New school house; petitions of Samuel Little, Henry M. King, and others.

Mr. Kneeland presented the petition signed by Samuel Little, and sixty-seven others, that the new school-house now being erected on Madison square, be called the Walker School, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Hon. Samuel Walker.

Mr. Monroe presented the petition of Henry M. King and thirty-six others, of like purport with the above. Both petitions were referred to the Committee on the new school district, appointed at the last meeting.

Comins School; additional land.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hobbs, that the expediency of purchasing the lot of land adjoining the Comins School grounds be referred to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections.

James Robinson appointed.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Lothrop, that Mr. James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the present school-year, beginning in September, to perform such services, and give such instruction in arithmetic and bookkeeping, as he may be called upon to perform by the superintendent, or the chairman of any of our district committees; his salary to be the same as for the past year.

High School education of Boys; report considered.

On motion of Mr. Washburn, the report, in print, of the special committee on the matter of the High School Education of Boys in Boston, was taken up and considered.

Mr. Washburn offered a correction of the report: to wit, on the fourteenth page, among the authors designated for the Fifth Class, *Elian* should be transferred to the last line of the paragraph specifying the authors for the Fourth Class; and a corresponding change should be made in the list of books and authors included in the tenth section of the proposed regulations.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Ordered, That Chap. XIII. of the Rules and Regulations be stricken out, and that the "Regulations of the Public Latin School," as submitted by the Committee on the High School Education of Boys, be substituted therefor.

The Chair stated the question to be first upon accepting the report of the committee. The question was taken thereon, and the report was accepted.

Mr. Learnard offered various amendments to the proposed Chapter XIII, as follows: —

1. To Section 2: the third line, after the period, to read "For the six years next succeeding September 1st, 1870, two masters," &c.

2. To Section 2: to add to the section, at the end, the following: "The head-master and the masters must be graduates of a college in good standing."

3. To Section 3: by inserting in the second line, after the words "twelve years old," the following: "and produce a certificate of good moral character from his last teacher."

These amendments were severally adopted. Dr. Reynolds moved that Section 5 be amended, commencing after the period in the second line, to read, "The head-master and the Committee on the Latin School may together establish any needed subdivisions;" and the amendment passed.

Mr. Learnard then moved the following, which, on motion of Mr. Bent, the Board adopted as a substitute for the order offered by Mr. Washburn: —

Resolved, That it is expedient to re-organize the Latin School in accordance with a plan submitted in a report of the Committee on the "High School Education of Boys in Boston"; and that the Committee on the Latin School be instructed to conduct the school in harmony therewith.

The question then being upon adopting the resolution, the resolution was adopted.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text Books, reported back the order referred to them at the last meeting, recom-

National Music Teacher; report of Committee on Text Books.

mending its adoption, — "That the 'National Music Teacher' (so called) be furnished to each Primary School, for the use of the teacher, as a guide to the Music Charts." The question was taken upon the passage of the order, and the order was adopted.

Branches of Girls' High and Normal School in Wards 1 & 12

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Washburn, that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to consider the question of the establishment of branches of the Girls' High and Normal School in Wards One and Twelve.

Industrial Schools; Report considered.

On motion of Mr. Shackford, the Board took up the report of the Committee on Industrial Schools, submitted May 10, and ordered to be printed. The committee make the following recommendations: —

First, That sewing be made obligatory in all the Grammar Schools for Girls.

Second, That sewing for two hours each week be adopted in all the classes, except the first and second.

Third, That, in the third and fourth classes of the Grammar Schools, cutting and fitting shall also be introduced.

Fourth, That a department for practical instruction be added to the Girls' High and Normal School, wherein book-keeping, designing, telegraphing, drawing on wood and stone, and needle-work in its various branches, shall be taught as elective studies, to which pupils also may be admitted from the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools.

Pending the consideration of the report, no quorum being present, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 11, 1870.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Allen, Blenkinsop, Clark, Cudworth, Dickinson, Haskins, Hobbs, Hutchins, Morrill, Nichols, Parkman, Sayward, Waterston, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the resignation of John Parkman as a member of the Board from Ward 6, and the resignation was accepted. Resignation of John Parkman.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Washington Allen and seven others, citizens of East Longwood, asking the Board to make arrangements with the School Committee of Brookline to enable their children to attend the Brookline High School, from which school they have been discharged. On motion of Mr. Brown, the communication was laid upon the table. Petition of citizens of East Longwood.

The Chair appointed the committee in accordance with the order passed at the last meeting to consider the question of the establishment of branches of the Girls' High and Normal School in Wards 1 and 12, viz., Messrs. Washburn, Fogg, Burroughs, Cudworth, and Moody Merrill. Branches of the Girls' High and Normal School; committee on.

On motion of Dr. Ordway, the regular order of business was suspended.

Dr. Ordway then, with appropriate remarks upon the life and character of Patrick Riley, submitted in behalf of the Committees on the Bowditch, Boylston and Quincy School Districts the following preamble and resolutions: — Resolutions on death of Patrick Riley.

Whereas, Since our last meeting it has pleased Almighty

God to take from our number another of our members by death: *Therefore,*

Resolved, That in the death of Patrick Riley, Esq., this Board has sustained a great loss, the District Committees of which he was a member a faithful co-laborer, and the teachers of our city a firm and long-trusted friend.

Resolved, That the uniform courtesy and excellent traits of character of this lamented gentleman, united with fidelity and strict integrity in the discharge of his duties as a school committee man, and as a useful citizen, command our warmest regard and affectionate remembrance.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the aged remaining parent and the relatives of the deceased in the loss they have sustained. They have the consolation that he had set his house in order, and died as he had lived, a Christian man.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of the School Board, and be also sent to the mother and surviving relatives of the deceased.

Dr. Ordway moved that the question upon the passage of the resolutions be taken by the members rising. The question was so taken, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolutions on death of John A. Stevens.

Dr. Jarvis offered brief remarks upon the character of John A. Stevens, and submitted the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That the members of this Board have received with profound regret and sorrow, the intelligence of the sudden death of their highly esteemed associate, Dr. John A. Stevens.

Resolved, That, during Dr. Stevens's long service as a member of the Board, he ever discharged the responsible trusts of his office with diligence, with sound judgment, with scrupulous fidelity, and with a strong desire to promote the best interests of education among us; and that it is our privilege to bear testimony to the manly independence of his character, to his integrity and public spirit as a citizen, and his firmness and kindness as a friend.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the severely bereaved family of the deceased the expressions of our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Board, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

After appropriate remarks by Mr. Rust, the resolutions were adopted unanimously, the members rising, in token of respect.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Teachers confirmed and nominated.

Bowditch School. — Clarinda R. F. Treadwell, head-assistant, and Isabella Hopkins, assistant, commencing with the school year.

Rice School. — Eliza Cox, assistant, commencing September first.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation.

Girls' High and Normal School. — Alice W. Wellington, Helen M. Dunbar, S. Annie Shorey, Rebecca R. Joslin, Emerette O. Patch, and Anna B. Thompson.

Dearborn School. — Cynthia G. Melvin and Marian Henshaw, assistants.

Franklin School. — Jane S. Tower, commencing October first.

Lincoln School. — Alma G. Watson, assistant, commencing October first. Clara S. Nye, Master's head-assistant, commencing October first.

Wells School District. — Mary I. Bennett, a Primary teacher, commencing October first.

Evening Schools. Teachers nominated.

The following were nominated as teachers of the evening Schools: —

North Bennet Street. — Everett Boynton, principal; Charles W. Ryan, W. F. Griffin, W. George Alden, Elizabeth A. Fiske, Susan E. Allen, Josephine O. Hedrick, Teresa M. Gargan, Sarah S. Brackett, assistants.

Chambers Street Chapel. — Loring Lothrop, principal;

Ezra Souther, Sarah P. Rowe, Lydia T. Preble, Louisa Holmes, Fanny Wilson, Henrietta Hill, assistants.

Pinckney Street. — Miss C. A. Caverly, Mary Beal, Martha Beal, Annie Knowlton, Ellen Fisher, Catharine G. Fisher, Georgina H. Smith, Jane E. Davis, Lavina Pitcher, Edward Sellers, assistants.

Harrison Avenue. — Sylvanus T. Rugg, principal; Amelia E. N. Treadwell, Elizabeth A. Bailey, Anna M. Bailey, Emma F. Swain, Susan S. Fowle, Isadora W. Sparrow, Margaret T. Wise, Louisa Ayer, Isabel M. Bennett, Abby E. Holt, Geo. H. Marshall.

Ward Room, Ward 10. — Edward T. Payson, principal; Rebecca B. Claggett, Harriet E. Jackson, Emma S. Hill, Ella B. Veazie, Emily S. Peduzzi, Jane McSweeny, Ella J. Mahone, assistants.

Ward Room, Ward 12. — John Coombs, principal; Ellen Cashman, Emily F. Wish, Emma C. Treadwell, L. Annie Baldwin, assistants.

Teacher transferred.

The Board confirmed the transfer of Clara J. Simonds from the Mayhew School to the Wells School, the same having the consent of the committees of the two districts; the transfer taking effect October seventeenth.

Dorchester district; teacher of drawing.

Upon the nomination of the Committee on Drawing, Mercy A. Bailey was confirmed as the teacher of drawing in the Dorchester district.

Resignation of teachers.

The resignations were presented of Helen W. Avery, an assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School; and Adelaide Spinney, and Mary C. Bartlett, assistants in the Dearborn School, — the resignations of the two last named taking effect October first; and the resignations were accepted.

English High School. Nominations recommitted.

Dr. Lothrop having nominated as sub-masters in the English High School, Mr. C. J. Lincoln, Mr. A. G. Whitman, and Mr. Chas. H. Cumston, Mr. Mason offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the subject of nominations of sub-masters in the High School be referred back to the committee, and

that they be directed to advertise for able and experienced teachers, and examine such candidates as may apply, and report to this Board at a future meeting candidates for nomination.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in committees, viz.: Mr. Ricker, on the Committee on Accounts, in place of Mr. Riley; Mr. Bowdlear, on the School for Deaf Mutes; Mr. Baldwin, on the Committee on Evening Schools; Mr. H. G. Morse, on Committee on Printing; — all in place of Mr. Parkman.

Salary of Superintendent of Schools. Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Loring Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Salaries, who were instructed, by an order passed June 14th, to consider and report to this Board what, in their opinion, the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools should be for the ensuing year. The Committee reported for adoption the following order:—

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent of the Public Schools of this city shall, from the first of September, 1870, be at the rate of $4,500 per annum. The order passed, unanimously.

Latin School Regulations amended.

On motion of Mr. Washburn, —

Ordered, That, in Section 2, of the regulations of the Public Latin School, submitted at the last meeting, the words *twenty-five* be substituted for the word "thirty."

Convention proposed to fill a vacancy.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Whereas, A vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the resignation of Washington B. Trull, of Ward One:

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Tuesday, November eighth, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy, and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law. The order passed.

Girls' High and Normal School; teacher of chemistry;

Mr. Burroughs, in behalf of the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, represented the necessity for the appointment of an experienced and accomplished teacher of chemistry in that school; and also the duty of the city

transportation of pupils.

to provide for the transportation to and from the school-house of those pupils who live at a great distance; and offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be authorized to nominate to this Board for appointment a special teacher of chemistry and other sciences, at a salary not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School confer with the City Council with reference to the transportion to and from the school of those pupils who live at a distance of more than two miles.

For the passage of the first order, on motion of Mr. Burroughs, the rules were suspended, and the order was then adopted. The second order also passed. Agreeably to the first of the above orders, Mr. Burroughs nominated as teacher of chemistry and other sciences in the Girls' High and Normal School, Miss Maria A. Bacon, — her term of service to date from October first. The Board confirmed the nomination.

Evening Drawing Schools; appropriation for.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Brigham, that the City Council be requested to make an appropriation for the expenses, for the current school year, of the Evening Drawing Schools, established under the general statutes.

Free Evening School for drawing; regulations.

Mr. Brigham, from the Committee on Drawing, submitted, agreeably to an order passed September thirteenth, in accordance with the provisions of the general statutes, the regulations of the free Evening Schools for drawing, as follows: —

SECTION 1. Evening schools for free instruction in mechanical drawing may be established in such of the school-houses, with the consent of the district committee, and in such other places, as the standing committee shall from time to time deem expedient, and the following regulations are hereby established for the government of the same.

SECT. 2. There shall be one term of the Evening Drawing Schools, commencing on the first Monday of November, and ending on the first Tuesday of May.

SECT. 3. The schools shall be opened at seven o'clock, and closed at nine o'clock, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. The rooms shall be opened and the teachers present fifteen minutes before the beginning of school hours.

SECT. 4. Wherever there is more than one teacher in any school, the standing committee may appoint one of the teachers *principal* of the school, who shall have a general supervision over it.

SECT. 5. The principal of each school shall be in attendance at the school buildings on such evenings as the committee may designate, before the beginning of the term, for the examination, registry, and classification of persons applying for admission.

SECT. 6. No person will be admitted under the age of fifteen years, and only at the beginning of the term, except by express permission of the standing committee.

SECT. 7. A teacher may be appointed for every thirty pupils.

SECT. 8. The salaries paid shall be as follows, for the time actually employed: —

Principal teachers	. .	$	per night.
Assistant teachers	. .	$	per night.

SECT. 9. The principal teacher of each school shall report at the close of each month to the Superintendent of Public Schools the whole number of pupils, with the average attendance for the month, together with such other information as may be required; and the Superintendent shall in his semi-annual reports communicate to the Board an abstract of such returns. The principal teacher shall have charge of the drawing materials and instruments belonging to the city, and shall, once a month, or oftener, if required, report to the standing committee the condition of all such apparatus.

SECT. 10. A teacher may discharge a pupil for disobe-

dience or improper conduct, with the consent of the standing committee, and shall communicate to the principal teachers of the other drawing schools the names of all pupils thus dismissed. No pupil discharged for misconduct shall be admitted to any of the other drawing schools without the consent of the standing committee.

SECT. 11. Public examinations and exhibitions may be held, at the discretion of the standing committee, and diplomas awarded, at the end of the term, to those who have, in the judgment of the committee, completed the course creditably.

On motion of Mr. Bent, Section 8 of the above was referred to the Committee on Salaries. On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, the several remaining sections were adopted.

Dorchester district; salary of teachers of drawing.

Mr. Brigham offered the following, and it was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That the salary of the instructor in drawing in the Dorchester district be fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Shurtleff School District: New Primary School-house. Report of Committee on School-houses.

Dr. Streeter read the report of the Committee on School-houses and School Sections, upon the subject referred to them July 12th, — of the erection of a Primary school-house for the accommodation of the Shurtleff School district, — recommending the passage of the order. The report was accepted. The question upon the order was taken, and the order was adopted. (Page 83 of the *Minutes.*)

Mr. Slade offered the following: —

Vocal and Physical culture. Mr. Monroe to be employed.

Ordered, That Mr. L. B. Monroe be employed to give instruction in vocal and physical culture, for three months, under the direction of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, — for a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mastership of the Hancock School. Report of the Examining Committee.

Mr. Slade, chairman of the committee for the examination of candidates for the place of master of the Hancock School, submitted and read the report of that committee; that, agreeably to the instructions given to the committee, by the order of

the Board, passed September thirteenth, all the rules of the Board in the case had been complied with; that an examination of applicants was held in the Common Council Chamber on the 28th of September, when the following named gentlemen presented themselves, and were examined: V. H. Dean, of Abington; N. W. De Munn, of Providence; James E. Parker, of Lexington; L. C. Wade, of Newton Upper Falls; Josiah G. Dearborn, of Boston; James W. Webster, of Boston; Henry H. Kimball, of Boston; Alonzo G. Ham, of Boston; Frank F. Preble, of Boston; and Austen Sanford, of Boston.

The committee presented to the Board, as their first choice, Mr. James W. Webster, sub-master in the Prescott School; as their second choice, Mr. Noble W. De Munn, master of the Benefit Street Grammar School, Providence; as their third choice, Henry H. Kimball, sub-master in the Boylston School. The report was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Ordway, the Board went into secret session. It was then voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a master of the Hancock School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Slade, Deblois, and Hunt, a committee to collect the ballots.

The Board then had nine ballotings without effecting a choice. The results of the several ballotings were as follows: —

Whole No. of ballots	71	72	71	71	71	73	71	70	68
James W. Webster had ..	29	33	29	26	28	29	24	26	34
Noble W. De Munn	6	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Henry H. Kimball	27	33	39	43	41	41	33	35	29
Alonzo G. Ham	8	1	....	....	....	2	12	7	....
Josiah G. Dearborn	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
E. Bentley Young	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....
Dr. Waldock	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....

Voted, On motion of Mr. Stedman, to lay upon the table the subject of the election of a master of the Hancock School. Mr. Stedman also moved that the Board adjourn for one week. Mr. Shattuck moved an amendment, to provide that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn for two weeks. The amendment passed. The question then being upon Mr. Stedman's motion, as amended, Mr. Holbrook moved to amend the motion by substituting for two weeks, the second Tuesday in November. This amendment passed. The question was then upon the original motion as amended. Before the question could be taken, the question as to whether a quorum was present was raised, and it was ordered that the roll be called.

Roll called. Absent.

The roll was called, when it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were absent, viz.: Messrs. Adams of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Allen, Bachelder, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Clark, Close, Connor, Cudworth, Deblois, Dickinson, Emery, Fallon, Flint, Foye, Frost, Garceau, Hall, Haskins, Hobbs, Holbrook, Hunt, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, Jarvis, Lewis, Mason, McKendry, Means, Moody Merrill, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Packard, Parkman, Pelletier, Pope, Porter, Prescott, Sanders, Sayward, Shackford, Shattuck, Stedman, Streeter, Underwood, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, Wilson, Withington, Woodbury, Woods, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council. Mr. Learnard, at the request of the Mayor, occupied the chair.

No quorum.

There being no quorum present, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 18, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by order of the President of the Board, upon the request of Henry S. Washburn, Wm. T. Brigham, F. H. Underwood, C. C. Shackford, Joseph H. Streeter, and Geo. W. Adams, "to elect *masters* of the Latin School, and for other necessary business," at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the Chair.

Present: the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16; Allen, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Conboye, Cudworth, Deblois, Emery, Garceau, McKendry, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Pope, Porter, Upham, Waterston and Withington. Absent.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this Board, caused by the resignation of Washington B. Trull. Concurrence of Mayor and Aldermen.

Accepted, and placed on file.

The following teachers were confirmed: — Teachers confirmed and nominated.

Dwight School. Anna E. Colburn, an assistant.

Comins School. Eliza C. Fisher, head-assistant, in place of Elizabeth W. Young, resigned.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Latin School. George W. Pierce, teacher in Mathematics; George W. Minns, teacher in History, Geography, Natural Sciences and English Literature; Josiah G. Dearborn, J. H. Buck and J. S. White, masters.

Comins School. Martha A. Cummings, an assistant, commencing September twelfth.

The following were nominated as teachers of the Evening Schools: — Evening schools.

North Bennet St. Mary E. F. McNeil, an assistant, commencing October seventeenth.

Warren St. Chapel. Wm. G. Babcock, principal; John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thomas Vose, Clara L. Babcock, Mary E. Babcock, Caroline Guigon, Hannah C. Blake, George W. Patten, and Mary S. Perkins, assistants.

High Evening School. Moses Woolson and Luther W. Anderson, principals; Chas. B. Travis, Wm. Nichols, jr., R. P. Owen and W. H. Moriarty, assistants.

The schools dismissed.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Kneeland, that the public schools be closed on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21st and 22d, that the teachers may attend the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, to be held in this city on the days named.

High Evening School. Salaries of teachers.

Mr. Bent offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of the High Evening Schools be the same for the present as for last year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

English High School: teachers.

Mr. Underwood moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board, at the last meeting, referred back to the Committee on the English High School the nominations of sub-masters made at said meeting, etc., and the motion passed. The question was taken upon the original order, and the order was rejected.

Petition of citizens of East Longwood.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Board took from the table the petition of citizens of East Longwood, presented at the last meeting. The petition was then referred to the Committees on the Roxbury High School and the Comins School District.

Committee to meet the school committee of Brookline.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hobbs, that a committee of three be appointed to meet the school committee of Brookline in reference to the order of said school committee, dismissing from their schools certain children belonging in Boston. The Chair appointed as that committee Messrs. Kneeland, Waldock and Morrill.

Bartholomew's Drawing Cards.

Mr. Brigham offered the following: —

Ordered, That copies of Bartholomew's Primary Cards be furnished to the Primary School teachers and to the lower

classes of the Grammar Schools, at the discretion of the Committee on Drawing.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to obtain such books for the fifth and sixth classes of the Latin School as may be necessary to carry out the programme of reading in English literature, recently adopted for that school; the same not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Latin School: Books in English Literature.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

Whereas: Mr. J. B. Sharland, instructor of music in the upper classes of the Grammar Schools, is obliged, under the rules, to give *half-hour* lessons throughout the school-hours every day in all the Grammar Schools, and must make use of a horse and carriage to meet his appointments, therefore, —

Horse and carriage for Teacher of Music.

Ordered, That there be allowed to Mr. Sharland a sum sufficient to pay for the keeping of his horse, commencing with the school-year.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair appointed the committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy in the place of Mr. Trull, of Ward 1, resigned; viz., Messrs. Washburn, Noble, Huse, Haskins and Jarvis.

Committee to nominate candidate for vacancy.

The Chair also appointed Mr. Baldwin on the Kindergarden School, in place of Mr. Parkman, resigned.

Kindergarten School.

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this committee, the law as to the conditions upon which the children of non-residents may attend the public schools, ought to be strictly enforced, and

Tuition for non-resident pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized and directed to take measures for the collection of tuition

from the parents and guardians of non-resident pupils, in all cases in which it is due.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mastership of the Hancock School.

On motion of Mr. Slade, the Board took from the table the subject of the election of a master of the Hancock School; and it was voted to proceed to ballot, for the choice of a master of said school.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Slade, Ricker, and Shattuck, a committee to collect the ballots.

The Board then had three ballotings. Upon the first ballot, the whole number of votes was sixty-five. James W. Webster had 42; Noble W. De Munn had 3; Henry H. Kimball had 18; Alonzo G. Ham had 2. Upon the second ballot, the whole number of votes was 62. James W. Webster had 41; Noble W. De Munn had 4; Henry H. Kimball had 16; Alonzo G. Ham had 1. Upon the third ballot, the whole number of votes was sixty. James W. Webster had 40; Noble W. De Munn had 7; Henry H. Kimball had 13.

The Board not having effected a choice, neither of the candidates receiving the requisite number of votes, the subject, on motion of Mr. Slade, was laid upon the table. Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 8, 1870.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Burroughs, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Deblois, Dickinson, Emery, Fogg, Foye, Hobbs, Huse, Ingalls, Mason, McKendry, Merrill of Ward 14, Morrill, Ordway, Pope, Porter, Ryan, Sayward, Streeter, Toland, Upham, Walsh, Waterston, Withington, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Agreeably to assignment a convention was held for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Board, caused by the resignation of Mr. Trull, of Ward 1. Convention: Vacancy filled.

Mr. Noble, from the committee to nominate a candidate for the place, reported the name of Seth C. Ames. Accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Pratt, and Messrs. Noble and Rust, a committee to collect the ballots, who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 53; necessary for a choice, 27. Seth C. Ames had 51; H. H. Kimball had 2. Mr. Ames was declared elected. Seth C. Ames elected.

The business for which the convention was held having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Norcross School. — Miss Sarah J. Bliss, teacher of sewing, the confirmation having been accidentally omitted in June. Teachers confirmed and on probation nominated.

Winthrop School. — Edith Adams, an assistant, commencing Sept. 12th; Maria L. Barney, head-assistant, and Caroline F. Welch, an assistant, commencing October 1st; the salaries of Miss Adams and Miss Welch, on motion of Dr. Reynolds, to be the maximum of their position.

The following teachers on probation were nominated: —

Adams School District. — Georgiana Palmer, a Primary teacher, commencing October 19th.

Eliot School District. — Hannah M. Seavey, an assistant, services commencing Dec. 1st; and Clara A. Newell, a Primary teacher, commencing September 1st.

Mayhew School. — Elizabeth Parker, an assistant, commencing October 31st.

Phillips School. — Martha F. Whitman, an assistant.

Norcross School District. — Fiducia S. Wells, an assistant, commencing October 7th; Annie Prescott, commencing November 9th; Ellen J. Cashman, Frances W. Hussey, Primary teachers.

Winthrop School District. — Harriet R. G. De Ribas, an assistant, commencing October 12th; Julia A. McIntyre, a Primary teacher, commencing October 1st.

Resignations of teachers.

The resignations were presented and accepted of George K. Daniell, jr., usher, Hannah M. Pembroke, assistant, and Frances E. Harrod, a Primary teacher, all in the Eliot School District.

Evening schools.

Evening Schools, Cabot street. — Anna A. Giles, Delia Mansfield, Charlotte B. Hall, Sarah E. Leavitt, Jane P. Washburn, Harriet E. Culligan, Emma M. Waldock, Susan M. Sawyer, Elizabeth A. Sanborn, Climena B. Moore, Annie E. Peterson, Susan Williams, Emma F. Thomas, Emma Berrey, Emily M. A. Merriam, Anna Murjhy. *Old Franklin School House.* — Elizabeth H. Soule, Emeline D. Fish, Elizabeth Phelps and Benjamin Hinckley. *Chambers street Chapel.* — Miss H. Richards.

Mr. Kneeland nominated as teacher of Sewing, in Dorchester, Mrs. A. S. Rider, and the nomination was confirmed.

Report, Committee on Rules and Regulations; instruction in sewing.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That Section XII. of Chapter XII. be amended by striking out all of the section to the first period, and inserting in place thereof the following: Instruction shall be

given in sewing to the fourth, fifth and sixth classes in the Grammar Schools for girls, provided that not more than six divisions be taught in any one school.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; vocal and physical culture, etc.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, July 12th, the recommendations of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, submitted for adoption the following orders:

1. *Ordered,* That ten minutes in each session be devoted to vocal and physical culture, instead of as now provided for by the Rules and Regulations.

2. *Ordered,* That the offices of instructor and assistant in this department be discontinued, and that, in their stead, a superintendent of vocal and physical culture be appointed, who shall devote three months of each year to the training of the masters and teachers of all our schools for the personal fulfilment, in their various divisions, of the work heretofore assigned to the instructor and his assistants.

3. *Ordered,* That the services of the instructor in military drill be continued as heretofore.

4. *Ordered,* That the Rules and Regulations be amended to conform to the foregoing orders.

The several orders were adopted.

High Evening Schools; salaries.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, of the Committee on Salaries, reported the following orders, which were adopted: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of the High Evening Schools be the same for the present as for last year.

Dorchester District; Salary of teacher of drawing.

Ordered, That the salary of the instructor in Drawing in the Dorchester District be fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Latin school; Military drill.

Mr. Slade presented a petition from parents and guardians of boys in the fifth and sixth classes in the Latin School, asking that the boys in those classes be allowed to drill as formerly with the rest of the battalion. The petition was referred to the Committees on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill and the Latin School.

Mr. Stedman offered the following: —

Changes in organization, powers, etc., of the School Committee.

Ordered, That a committee of *nine* be appointed by the President to consider and report to the Board at an early day whether any, and, if any, what, changes are needed in the organization, rights, duties and powers of the School Committee.

Ordered, That said committee be empowered and instructed to give the usual legal notice required, so that they may present to the next legislature, in proper form, such amendments to the city charter in relation to such changes as may be proposed.

The orders passed.

The Chair appointed the following committee in accordance with the first order, viz: Messrs. Stedman, Washburn, Bowdlear, Jarvis, Connor, Flint, Learnard, Merrill of Ward 11, and Monroe.

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

The School Committee a perpetual body.

Resolved, That this Board is by its constitution a perpetual body; that any reorganization, or the appointment of new committees, or adoption of new rules, is unnecessary until the same shall be ordered by the Board.

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider the expediency of providing for the ELECTION of the standing committees of this Board at its regular meeting in January.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Primary school in Charles st. One session.

Mr. Alger presented a petition from parents of the children attending the Primary School in Charles street, asking that the school be allowed to hold but one session daily, from nine until two o'clock; and an order to refer the petition, with full powers, to the Committee on the Bowdoin School District. On motion of Mr. Hunt, the motion was laid upon the table.

Schools dismissed.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hutchins, that the Public Schools be dismissed on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Hutchins also offered the following:—

Ordered, That chapter 9, sect. 36, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by adding in the sixth line, after the words "Thanksgiving Day," the following words: "and the remainder of the week." Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Holidays; amendment proposed.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, in the absence of Mr. Burroughs, submitted from the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School a report, to the effect that under the authority of this Board the Committee have fixed the salary of the teacher of chemistry and other sciences in that school at $1,500 per annum: also, that the increase of the school requires at least eight hours' services per week instead of six, from the German and French teachers, and recommending that their salaries be increased accordingly. In connection with the above, Mr. Lothrop offered the following order, and it was referred to the Committee on Salaries:-

Girls' High and Normal School. teachers of chemistry, German, French;—salaries.

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of French and German in the Girls' High and Normal School be fixed at seven hundred and fifty dollars each, for the present school year.

Dr. Shattuck offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be so amended as to provide for separate Committees upon "Vocal and Physical Culture" and "Military Drill." Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Vocal and physical culture, etc. Separate committees.

Dr. Sanders offered the following:—

Ordered, That the English High School, from and after the 1st of January next, be organized with one head-master, one assistant head-master, four masters, and as many sub-masters as may be necessary to give not more than thirty-five pupils to each teacher, not including the assistant in the head-master's room. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Organization of the English High school.

Mr. Slade offered the following:—

School-house on Hanover st.

Ordered, That the school-house on Hanover street, in the Hancock School District, be surrendered to the City, the same not being needed for school purposes.

Referred, on motion of Mr. Jellison, to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections.

Dr. Wilson offered the following, and the same was referred to the Committee on School Houses, etc: —

Norcross District. Additional accommodations.

Ordered, That suitable rooms be provided for one new grammar and two new primary classes in the Norcross School District.

Mr. Connor offered the following: —

Lawrence District. Usher to be employed.

Ordered, That the Lawrence School District Committee be authorized to employ an usher in the Mather building, which contains two grammar classes, three schools for special instruction, and seven primary schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Industrial schools.

On motion of Dr. Curtis the Board took up the matter of tho recommendations in the report of the Committee on Industrial Schools, submitted May 10th.

Dr. Curtis then offered the following orders, which were both adopted: —

1. *Ordered*, That the first three recommendations of the Report on Industrial Schools be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

2. *Ordered*, That the fourth recommendation be referred to the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, to consider the practicability of carrying out such a plan.

Mastership of the Hancock school; James W. Webster chosen.

On motion of Mr. Slade, the Board took up the subject of the mastership of the Hancock School.

Mr. Bent withdrew the name of Henry H. Kimball as a candidate for the position named.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Slade, Flynn, and Noble, a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of master of the Hancock School. The Board then had two ballotings: upon the first ballot the whole number of votes was 57. Mr. James W. Webster had 49; Mr. Noble W. De Munn

had 6; Mr. E. Frank Wood had 2. Upon the second ballot, the whole number of votes was 58. Mr. James W. Webster had 54; Mr. Noble W. De Munn had 3; Mr. E. Frank Wood had 1. Whereby, it appeared that Mr. Webster had the requisite number of votes required by the rules of the Board, and he was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Dr. Hall, it was voted that Mr. Webster's services, as master of the Hancock School, begin on Monday, November 14th.

Mastership of the Quincy school. Report of Examining Committee.

Dr. Page submitted and read the report of the committee designated by the rules to examine applicants and report to the Board the names of candidates for the place of master of the Quincy School. In compliance with the rules the committee reported as their first choice the sub-master of the school, Mr. E. Frank Wood; as their second choice, George F. Wiggin; and as their third choice, George W. Neal. The report was accepted.

E. Frank Wood chosen.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Page, Bundy, and Shattuck, a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a master of the Quincy School. The committee proceeded, and reported the whole number of votes to be 60; that E. Frank Wood had 52; and James E. Parker had 8. Mr. Wood was accordingly declared elected.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Shattuck, that Mr. Wood's term of service as master of the Quincy School commence with the school year, in September last.

Amendments proposed.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following orders, and moved that they be laid upon the table, — which was voted: —

Head masters and masters members of committees.

Ordered, That in the Rules and Regulations, Chapter IV., the following words be added at the end of Section 13: The head master of each High school shall be, by virtue of his position, a member of the committee of his school, with a voice and vote on all questions, except his own appointment, and charges affecting his conduct in office; and in the chapter above named, at the end of Section 14, the following: —

The master of every Grammar school shall be, by virtue of his position, a member of the committee of his school, with a voice and vote on all questions, except his own appointment and charges affecting his conduct in office.

Committees on High schools to consist of six members.

Ordered, That in the Rules and Regulations, Chapter I., the latter part of Section 2 be amended by striking out all after the words "Evening Schools," and substituting the following sentences: "And standing committees of six members each, on the Latin School, the English High School, the Girls' High and Normal School, and the Roxbury High School. No person shall be eligible as a member of any of the High School Committees unless he possess special fitness for the work to be done; and it shall be the duty of the Board to reject any nomination made in plain disregard of this rule.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 13, 1870.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of December, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The President called the meeting to order, and requested Mr. Learnard to take the chair. Mr. Learnard accordingly took the chair and presided over the meeting.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Ames, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Bundy, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Lewis, Maguire, Mason, Morrill, Pope, Ricker, Ryan, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Dr. Reynolds moved to amend the printed minutes of the last meeting, by adding at the bottom of the 109th page the following: "the salaries of Miss Adams and Miss Welch to be paid from the first of September — the date at which they respectively ceased to hold the position as assistant in the Bowditch and Quincy Schools." The motion passed. Minutes amended.

The following teachers were confirmed: — Teachers confirmed, and on probation nominated.

English High School. — Mr. E. J. Lincoln, Mr. C. F. Cumston, and Mr. A. K. Whitman, sub-masters. Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Cumston commencing Sept. 14th, and Mr. Whitman, Sept. 30th.

Bigelow School. — Lucy E. Marsh, an assistant.

Washington and Dudley School District. — E. Elizabeth Boice and Annie E. Macdonald, Primary teachers.

Dorchester District. — Florence L. Etheridge, an assistant in the Everett School; Mary P. Pronk, an assistant in the Mather School; R. Ellerine Robie, an assistant in the Stoughton School; Catharine E. Cooke, an assistant in the Tileston School, — all commencing September 1st.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Latin School. — Charles J. Capen, master; William T. Reid, head-master's assistant.

English High School. — J. O. Norris, sub-master.

Brimmer School. — T. H. Wason, usher.

Comins School District. — Emily Marston, commencing October 1st.

Hancock School District. — Teresa M. Gargan, commencing December 1st.

Lincoln School. — Martha B. Dinsmore, an assistant, commencing December 1st.

Lyman School. — George K. Daniell, sub-master, commencing November 1st.

Prescott School. — Lewis H. Dutton, sub-master, commencing November 16th.

Quincy School District. — George W. Neal, sub-master, commencing December 3d; and Julia A. Valentine, a Primary teacher, commencing November 1st.

Shurtleff School District. — Ella R. Johnson, commencing October 25th; and Edith A. Pope, commencing November 29th, both Primary teachers.

Winthrop School. — Emma K. Valentine, head-assistant, commencing October 12th.

Dorchester High School. — Caroline A. Raymond, assistant, commencing December 1st.

Harris School. — Marion B. Sherburne, an assistant, commencing September 1st.

Evening Schools; teachers.

Evening Schools. — Carl Jansen, an assistant in the Evening High School; Miss Soule, principal, at 1049 Washington street; Mary McCarthy, assistant, in Harrison avenue; Miss Kate Wilson, in Chambers street Chapel. In the Ward room, room 12, Mary Walton, Susan E. Treadwell, Ella R. Johnson, Jane Rosenberger, Emma L. Eaton, and Emily T. Smith.

School for Industrial Drawing. — Daniel W. Willard, principal; Edward K. Clark, Wm. E. Hoyt, Wm. W. Brewster, C. M. Moore, Chas. Furneaux, C. S. Ward, F. B. Morse. School for Industrial Drawing; teachers.

Dr. Fogg presented the resignation of Miss Julia Clapp, an assistant in the Shurtleff School, taking effect October 24th. The resignation was accepted. Resignation of teachers.

The Chair read the resignation of Reuben Swan, as master of the Wells School, and the resignation was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Allen, —

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house now in process of erection near Madison square, in Ward 14, be, and hereby is, named the Sherwin School, in memory of Thomas Sherwin, for more than forty years master of the English High School, of Boston. New School named the Sherwin School.

Dr. Allen offered the following order, and it was referred to the Committee on School-Houses and School Sections: —

Ordered, That the following be the boundary lines of the Sherwin School Section: — Sherwin School Section: Boundaries.

Beginning at the intersection of Washington and Ruggles streets; thence through the centre of Ruggles to Tremont street; thence through the centre of Tremont, southward, to the southwest side of Tremont place; thence through Tremont place, taking both sides, to the Boston and Providence Railroad; thence across the marsh to the bridge on Parker street that crosses Stony Brook; thence across the marsh to Brookline line, on a straight line with Tremont place; thence on the line between Brookline and Roxbury to the intersection of said line with the original line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by said line between Boston and Roxbury, to Harrison avenue; thence through the centre of Harrison avenue to Eustis street; thence through the centre of Eustis street to Washington street; thence through the centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, it was voted that the quarterly reports be read by their titles. The quarterly Quarterly Reports.

reports were then presented and accepted, with the exception of the reports on the Roxbury High School, the Dorchester High School, and the Boylston School District, in which cases the committee were allowed further time to make their report.

New Primary School-house, named the Starr King School.

On motion of Mr. Brown, —

Ordered, That the Primary School building on Tennyson street, be named the "Starr King School," in honor of T. Starr King, who was for some years chairman of the Brimmer School Committee.

Sherwin School: Master chosen.

Dr. Allen nominated Silas C. Stone for the place of master of the Sherwin School, and moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of proceeding to the election of a master of that school at this meeting. The motion for a suspension of the rules passed, and it was voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a master for the Sherwin School.

The chair appointed Messrs. Allen, Dickinson, and Badger a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported that the whole number of votes was 67; of which 64 were for Silas C. Stone, 2 for L. M. Chase, and 1 for Nathan E. Willis; whereby it appeared that Mr. Stone was chosen.

Sherwin School: Service of Master.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Allen, that the services of Mr. Stone, as master of the Sherwin School, commence January 1st, 1871.

Wells School: Master chosen.

Dr. Jarvis moved a suspension of the rules so far as to allow the Board to proceed to elect a master of the Wells School. The motion passed.

Dr. Jarvis submitted as candidates for the position, Mr. Rodney G. Chase, sub-master in the Dwight School, and Mr. Nathan E Willis, sub-master in the English High School. Voted to proceed to an election.

The chair appointed Messrs. Jarvis, Wilson, and Connor a committee to collect the ballots. The Board then

had four ballotings. Upon the first ballot the whole number of ballots was 69. Rodney G. Chase had 46; Nathan E. Willis had 23; and there was no choice. Upon the second ballot the whole number of ballots was 69. Mr. Chase had 47; Mr. Willis had 22; and there was no choice. Upon the third ballot the whole number of votes was 68. Mr. Chase had 46; Mr. Willis had 22. After the third ballot, Dr. Lothrop withdrew Mr. Willis's name. Upon the fourth ballot the whole number of ballots was 65, of which Mr. Chase had 50, and there were 15 scattering. Mr. Chase had the requisite number of votes, and was declared elected.

Wells School: Services of Master.

It was voted that the services of Mr. Chase commence January 1st, 1871.

Girls' High and Normal School: Salaries of teachers of German and French.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, reported back the order referred to them Nov. 8th, to provide that the salaries of the teachers of French and German in the Girls' High and Normal School, be fixed at seven hundred and fifty dollars each, for the present school year, recommending the passage of the order.

The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Roll called. No quorum.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, proceeded to submit a report of that committee on the subject of non-resident pupils in the public schools, when the question was raised as to whether a quorum was present. The chair directed that the roll be called. Accordingly the roll was called, and the following named gentlemen were recorded as absent, viz: Messrs. Adams of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Ames, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Bundy, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Curtis, Edson, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Holbrook, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, Lamson, Lewis, L Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, McDonough, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Jas. Morse, Nichols, Packard, Pope, Ricker, Ryan, Sanders,

Shattuck, Toland, Tucker, Walsh, Washburn, Woodbury, Woods, the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council; and there was no quorum present.

Thereupon the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 20, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, by order of the President, at the request of Messsr. J. Baxter Upham, William T. Brigham, William Pope, Samuel A. Green, S. Arthur Bent, and J. F. Jarvis, on Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the chair.

Absent.

Present: The whole Board, except, Messrs. Adams of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Alger, Ames, Baldwin, Bent, Blenkinsop, Bundy, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Dickinson, Edson, Flynn, Fogg, Foy, Garceau, Haskins, Huse, Ingalls, Lewis, Mason, McKendry, Moody Merrill, Monroe, Morrill, H. G. Morse, Ordway, Page, Pelletier, Pope, Porter, Ricker, Ryan, Sanders, Sayward, Walsh, Waterston, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Teachers confirmed and on probation nominated.

Martha W. Dunham was confirmed as an assistant; Frances E. Stevens, as teacher of sewing, in the Wells School; Mrs. Stevens to commence Jan. 1st, 1871.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Dwight School. — Silas H. Haskell, sub-master, to commence Jan. 1st, 1871; Mary F. Thompson, master's head-assistant, commencing Nov. 1st, 1870.

Lawrence School District. — Eliza L. Rand, commencing Oct. 22d, and Miss M. E. Witherell, commencing Nov. 9th, both Primary teachers.

Dorchester District. — In the Harris School, Elizabeth P. Boynton, assistant, to commence Jan. 1, 1871.

Reports of Com. Rules and Regulations

Mr. Learnard submitted and read the reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on matters referred to them.

Rules amended; vacation.

1. Upon the order of November 8th, for amending the rules, to provide that Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week shall be a vacation for the schools. The committee recommend the passage of the order (page 113 of the Minutes).

The report was accepted and the order adopted.

Eng. High School organization.

2. Upon the order of November 8, to provide for a re-organization of the corps of teachers in the English High School. The Committee are of the opinion that the matter would come more properly under the consideration of the committee on the subject of the High School education of boys; who, having reported a course of study for the Latin School, have now to consider the subject as pertaining to the English High School; and they fear that to consider and report upon the subject might embarrass the special committee in their consideration of the subject before them: the committee accordingly ask a reference of the order to the said special committee.

The report was accepted.

The School Committee a perpetual body.

3. Upon the resolution offered November 8th, relating to the re-organization or the appointment of new committees, and the *election* of the standing committees of the Board.

In view of the importance of the matters embraced in the resolutions, the little time which is left for their consideration, and of the fact that a special committee is considering the subject of changes, etc., in the organization of the Board, the committee think that it is inexpedient to take any action upon the resolutions at this time. The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounts; tuition for non-resident pupils.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, presented a report from that committee on the matter of the collection of tuition for non-resident pupils in the public schools.

The committee report that the number of non-resi-

dent pupils in the schools is 208; all of them, with few exceptions, in the High Schools, costing, for tuition, $15,000. Add to this the cost of special instruction, etc., and the aggregate of expenses for the tuition of non-resident pupils in the High Schools would be nearly or quite $20,000 per annum. In the opinion of the City Solicitor, the bills for the tuition should be made out by the School Committee, and the money collected by the City Treasurer. The committee earnestly recommeuds that no non-resident pupil be allowed to remain in school unless the parent or guardian of such pupil pay into the city treasury the average cost of tuition for such pupil.

The committee offered the following orders: —

Regulati ns amended.

1. *Ordered*, That section 39, chapter ix., be amended by striking out all that part after the word "school," in the sixth line, and substituting therefor the following: "except upon the condition of its parent or guardian agreeing to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child shall be instructed there. The masters of the various schools shall, at the commencement of each term, furnish to the Committee on Accounts the names of such scholars, and the names of their parents or guardians, with their place of residence. And it shall be the duty of that committee each term to make out such bills and transmit the same to the City Treasurer for collection.

2. *Ordered*, That notice be sent to the various schools, and such other steps be taken as shall enable the committee to present the bills for the present term.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the first of the orders was amended by inserting after the words "instructed there," the following: "the board reserving the right to remit the tuition in cases in which they shall deem it expedient so to do." The second order was amended by striking out the words "for the present term," and inserting "on and after January 1, 1871,"

Both orders, as amended, were adopted.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, submitted the following: The Committee on Accounts, in order to be enabled to return the complete cost of tuition in the public schools, ask the passage of the following order: —

Valuation of school building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish the School Board with the estimated valuation of the school buildings in the city.

The order passed.

Warren's Geographical Charts.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee on Accounts, reported upon the order referred to them June 27th, to wit: "That a copy of Warren's new Geographical Charts be furnished to each of the Grammar Schools." The committee say, "the value of the charts seems to warrant their immediate introduction," and they accordingly presented the order for adoption. The question was taken upon the order and, it was adopted.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the report of the Committee on Text-Books, submitted June 14th, and partially considered June 27th, was taken up, and on motion of Dr. Hall, referred to the next Board of School Committee.

Semi-annual report of the Committee on Music.

Dr. Upham submitted and read the semi-annual report of the Committee on Music, and submitted the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That, under the new arrangement of the gradation of the classes in the Grammar Schools, Mr. Sharland shall take charge of the musical instruction of the 1st and 2d, Mr. Holt that of the 3d and 4th, and Mr. Alexander that of the 5th and 6th classes, respectively, in the schools now taught by them, and at the salaries they now receive.

2. *Ordered*, That ten minutes each day be devoted to musical instruction by the regular teachers of the 1st class of the Grammar Schools under the general direction of the special teacher of music, in like manner as is now done in the other classes of those schools.

3. *Ordered,* That, hereafter, no contract for the purchase of pianos for the schools shall be made without the approval of the standing Committee on Music.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the report and orders were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Reports of Committee on School-houses, etc.

Mr. Jellison presented and read the reports of the Committee on School-Houses and School Sections, upon matter referred to them.

Sherwin School section; boundaries.

1. Upon the order of Dec. 13th, embracing a proposed specification of the boundary lines of the Sherwin School Section, the committee recommended the passage of the order, and the order was adopted.

Norcross School district; accommodations.

2. Upon the order to provide additional accommodations in the Norcross School District, the committee submitted the following order for adoption: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to obtain the rooms under the Free Will Baptist Church, on D street, for the accommodation of the Primary Schools in the Norcross School District.

School-house on Hanover st.

3. Upon the order proposing the surrender to the City Council of the Primary school-house on Hanover street, the Committee reported that the estate had been diposed of by the City Council.

Mr. Jellison, from the same committee, submitted the following order: —

Comins, and Washington and Dudley School Section.

Ordered, That the boundary line between the Comins School Section, and the Washington and Dudley School Section, be so changed as to include in the Washington and Dudley Section the territory between Factory and Culvert streets.

The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Mr. Underwood offered the following: —

Minutes to be sent to masters, etc.

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to send copies of the printed minutes to the head-masters of the High, and masters of the Grammar Schools. Passed.

Dr. Hall offered the following: —

Oliver H. Spurr, messenger; services.

Ordered, That there be paid to Oliver H. Spurr five hundred dollars for his services as messenger to this Board during the past year.

Mr. Jellison moved to amend the order, to provide that three hundred dollars be paid to Mr. Spurr, and two hundred dollars to Mr. Spurr's assistant.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the matter was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

City Doc. No. 108. Referred.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, moved that City Document number 108, being a report to the Board of Aldermen from the Committee on Public Instruction, on Evening Schools and expenditures for school purposes, be referred to some appropriate committee, to consider and to report thereon to this Board.

On motion of Dr. Upham, it was voted to refer the document to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, —

Printed minutes to be bound.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be bound, for the use of the members of the Board, the printed copies of the minutes of our business for the present municipal year, now in his possession.

Communication from L. S. Batchelder. Industrial School.

The Chair submitted and proceeded to read a lengthy document signed L. S. Batchelder, in reference to an industrial school for females, in this city; when, on motion of Mr. Learnard, the further reading of the same was discontinued, and the paper referred to the next Board of School Committee.

Communication from the Board of Public Education, Philadelphia.

The Chair read a communication addressed to this Board from the Board of Public Education, First District of Pennsylvania, — being a report of the special Committee on Music, made at a meeting of said Board, December 6th, 1870, which was unanimously adopted, embracing the following resolve: —

Resolved, That the Boston School Committee be, and it is hereby, respectfully requested to grant to Mr. Luther W. Mason permission to devote six weeks more time to exemplify further the Boston Plan of Music-teaching in our Public Schools.

Leave of absence to Luther W. Mason.

On motion of Mr. Jellison, the communication was referred with full powers to the Committee on Music.

On motion of Dr. Packard, the following was referred with full powers to the Committee on School Houses: —

Shurtleff School District; class for special instruction.

Ordered, That the Shurtleff District Committee be authorized to establish a new class for special instruction in the Primary School building at Washington Village.

Mr. Slade offered the following, and the same was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight dollars be allowed Miss Mary C. Nichols, for extra services in the Hancock School during the time it was without a master.

Hancock School, Mary C. Nichols's services.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, voted to adjourn to one week from to-night. The Board then adjourned.

Adjournment.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 27, 1870.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, agreeably to adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 27th day of December, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Adam, of Ward 12, Alger, Allen, Ames, Bachelder, Bent, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Bundy, Clark, Close, Conboye, Cudworth, Deblois, Dickinson, Edson, Fallon, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Hobbs, Huse, Ingalls, Jellison, L. Lothrop, Maguire, Means, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Page, Pelletier, Pope, Porter, Ryan, Sanders, Streeter, Underwood, Walsh, Withington, Woodbury, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Charles de Legarliere was confirmed as teacher of French in the Dorchester High School. Teachers confirmed, and on probation nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Girls' High and Normal School. — Bertha W. Hintz, a Primary teacher in the training department, to commence in January, 1871.

Bowdoin School. — Catharine Bigelow, teacher of sewing, to commence January 3, 1871.

Rice School. — Dora Brown, an assistant, commencing November 7th. C. Josephene Bates, a Primary teacher, commencing November 14th.

The resignations were presented and accepted, of Silas C. Stone, sub-master in the Lewis School, and Mary E. Gray, a Primary teacher in the Prescott School District; the resignation of Miss Gray to take effect October 10th. Resignation of teachers.

Report of committee on salaries.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, reported the following orders:—

Sewing teacher in Dorchester.

1. *Ordered*, That the teacher of Sewing in the Dorchester schools be paid one hundred dollars extra per annum to defray travelling expenses. Passed.

Sewing teacher in the Winthrop School.

2. *Ordered*, That $377.71 be paid Miss Rolfe, for services as Sewing teacher in the Winthrop School, from September 1st, 1868, to May 19th, 1869. Passed.

Teacher of French in Dorchester.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of Mr. Charles de Legarliere, teacher of French in the Dorchester High School, be at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, commencing September 1, 1870. Passed.

Girls' High and Normal School; payment of tuition by non-resident pupils.

Mr. Burroughs, from the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, presented the application of thirty-eight pupils of that School to be excused from the payment of tuition for the remainder of the present school year. On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the application was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Burroughs, from the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, reported that in order to enable those pupils to attend that school who live in East Boston, South Boston, and at the extreme northern, western, and southern parts of the city, free transportation to and from the school ought to be provided for them, and recommended the passage of the following order:—

Transportation of pupils.

Ordered, That free transportation to and from school be provided for those pupils of the Girls' High and Normal School living within the city whose residences are more than two miles from the school-house in Newton street.

The order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Reports of committee on accounts.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, read the report of the Committee on Accounts, on the matter referred to them June 27th, of the special school funds which have been transferred from the town of Dorchester to the Treasurer of Boston; that they find that the funds are in the hands of the Treasurer,

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and that orders have been passed by the City Council placing them under the control of the School Committee, and they therefore offer the following order:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend the income of the Dorchester School Funds in accordance with the votes of the City Council, upon requisition received from those schools of the 16th Ward, — late Dorchester, — and indorsed by their committees. (City Doc. No. 101.)

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Oliver H. Spurr; messenger services.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the order to pay Oliver H. Spurr five hundred dollars for his services as messenger to this Board, with the amendment to provide for a division of said amount between Mr. Spurr and his assistant, reported that it has been the custom of this Board in past years to pay for the services of its messenger. They find that the amount named in the order is a large compensation for the work performed. They also find that the assistant messenger is appointed by the messenger, acts under his direction, and must look to him for compensation. As it seems to have been generally understood that Mr. Spurr was to receive this money from the School Committee, they feel constrained to submit the order for adoption. They suggest, however, that hereafter the Board elect its own messenger. They also recommend that the police officer in charge at the meetings of the Board be allowed compensation for his services. The committee offer the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to employ a suitable person to act as messenger of the School Board, and to fix his compensation.

2. *Ordered*, That there be paid Oliver H. Spurr, $500, in full for services as messenger to this Board.

W. C. F. Tracy, officer; compensation.

3. *Ordered*, That W. C. F. Tracy be paid the sum of $30, for attendance upon the meetings of this Board.

During the consideration of the above orders, Mr. Merrill withdrew the first of the orders. The second and third orders were then adopted.

Mr. Sayward submitted the following: —

Old Dorchester High School-house surrendered.

Whereas, The School Committee have no further use for the Old Dorchester High School-house:

Ordered, That said School-house be surrendered to the City Council. The order passed.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order was then adopted: —

English High School; services of William Nichols, jr.

Ordered, That three hundred dollars be paid to Mr. Wm. Nichols, jr., for one and one-half months' services as sub-master in the English High School, in the place of Mr. Pierce, elected master in the Public Latin School.

On motion of Dr. Ordway, —

Unfinished business, etc.

Voted, That all unfinished business and matters in the hands of committees be referred to the next School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Brown, —

New Year's Day.

Ordered, That, as "New Year's Day" will occur on Sunday, Monday, the second of January, be a holiday.

Dr. Lothrop, with appropriate remarks, submitted the following: —

Thanks to the President.

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to His Honor the Mayor, President of the Board, for the faithful, courteous and assiduous discharge of his duties as its President, and also for his long and invaluable services as a member of the Board previous to his mayoralty.

After further remarks by Mr. Washburn and Mr. Waterston, the order was unanimously adopted, — the members rising and standing in their places. To this the President made a suitable response; after which, the meeting, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, dissolved.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

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